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A budgetary balancing act

In formulating the budget that he presents to Parliament this week, Finance Minister Michael Wilson—who promised that his prescription would be “tough but fair”—faced a dilemma. While the Tory government is committed to reducing the towering federal deficit, severe cutbacks in government spending could stifle the economy's recovery.

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The mena season

For the 5.5 million Canadians who are allergic to tree and grass pollen, the dry, sunny weather of spring and summer can turn life into a just sentence.

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A fiery eviction

When Philadelphia police took decisive action in ousting a troublesome cult from a working-class neighborhood, the result was a bizarre American tragedy.

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A dilemma for the fans

Some female fans mourned but others said they were happy when teenage idol Brian Springsteen married model/actress Julianne Phillips last week.

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Isolating Nicaragua

The leaders of the major industrialized nations of the world, including Brian Mulroney, should be congratulated for condemning the U.S. trade embargo on Nicaragua ("Rogan tightens the ring," World, May 13). The United States seems bent on pursuing a course of myopic reasoning in trying to stave the future of a changing Central America. It is, after all, largely because of past negligence and indifference toward this area that the United States now finds itself having to give it such cruel attention. But such is the consistent impetuosity of U.S. foreign policy.

—GORDON J. ARONOFF,
White Rock, B.C.

Too much fluff!

I find myself more than a little annoyed by the pages of fluff devoted to Milla Melrose in your issue of May 6 ("A capital beguiled by style," Cover). Milla Melrose is just the Prime Minister's wife and not an elected official. Supplying her with a Parliament Hill office, complete with staff, was probably the first of the Prime Minister's patronage appointments.

—IAN CHICKLATT
Toronto

Categorical opposition

Your article "The law and the forest" (Environment, April 8) leaves the impression that Non-chah-nah people would be in favor of logging Muskeg Island if Indian jobs were included in the package I wish to state very clearly that we are opposed to any logging on Muskeg Island. My discussions with



Melrose: congratulations in order

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Chairman,
Non-chah-nah Tribal Council,
Fort Albany, B.C.

No role model

I, like many other Canadian women, was appalled by your depiction of the role of Milla Melrose ("The politics of being nice," Cover, May 6). Although she is undoubtedly an asset to her husband's political career, she should not be considered a very positive role model for women in today's society. Milla is compared to one of her predecessors, Margaret Meffer, who the writer laughs was disloyal because she "refused to be known by her husband Joe Clark's name." It is not surprising that Canada has had no women prime ministers when one of the prerequisites is a willing, talking appendage called "wife."

—SHIRLEY BORDICK,
Oshawa, Ont.

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PASSAGES

1989: Maverick French artist Jean Dubuffet, 83, who created and collected "raw art" and founded the Musée de l'Art Brut in Paris to house it; at 65, physicist, in Paris. A controversial painter and sculptor who abandoned conventional tools and materials, Dubuffet twice left his artistic vocation to pursue a career as a wine merchant before returning to art for good in the early 1940s. His exhibits in both Europe and North America in the 1950s and 1960s brought him worldwide recognition, and his successful 1977 lawsuit against the French air company Renault, to prevent the raising of his 45-cubic-metre, 2,000-square-foot sculpture, *Soleil d'été*, confirmed his reputation as a self-proclaimed enemy of a traditional vision of the world.

1989: Former schoolteacher Margaret Hamilton, 52, who put her own stamp on the *Wicked Witch of the West* role in the 1959 film classic *The Wizard of Oz*; after a long illness, at the Noble Horizons Nursing Home, in Salisbury, Conn. Her sharp features portrayed the haggish characters she so often parodied in numerous movies, but none of her parts were as memorable as the magical, smiling witch who melted into a puddle in front of Judy Garland's wide-eyed Dorothy.

1989: Jean Sutherland Rogers, 62, from her post as chairman of the Canada Museum Construction Corp., by the Conservative government, which is transferring the administration of the corporation to Public Works Canada. Rogers, appointed by Pierre Trudeau's Liberal government in 1982, was director of the Philadelphia Museum of Art after resigning as director of the National Gallery.

1989: London, Ont.-born actress Selma Diamond, 64, who began her career in New York in the 1930s as a comedy writer, of long careers, in Columbia Pictures Medical Center, Los Angeles. The hard-bitten Selma of the TV series *Night Court*, Diamond also appeared in movies—*My Favorite Year* and *AK of MI*—and as a guest on talk shows.

APPOINTED: Mexican Parti Québécois strategist and Quebec diplomat Yves Michaud, 55, as chief spokesman for the beleaguered Parti-based Unesco, the United Nations agency, by its 51-member executive board. Michaud said he had been hired to "polish the Unesco image," an image tarnished by accusations that current director general Amador M'bow has given the 48-year-old organization an anti-Western bias and has mismanaged its \$260-million annual budget.

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Making bilingualism fly

By Bruce Wallace

For Jean-Luc Patenaude, an air traffic control tower supervisor at Ste. Foy, the Quebec City airport, these were days in June, 1974, were busy times. Three weeks before Montreal's Olympic Games were to begin, all Canadian air traffic grew to a halt. English-speaking pilots and controllers bitterly accused their francophone counterparts—including Patenaude—of making Canadian airspace unsafe because of their insistence on using French for ground-to-air communications. The hostility within the industry dominated headlines across the country, prompting then-prime minister Pierre Trudeau to call the dispute "Canada's greatest crisis since conscription."

The roots of the affair date back to the federal Liberal government's Official Languages Act of 1969, which provided for the use of both English and French throughout the federal government's domain. But English remained the official language of the air until June, 1974, when the federal department of trans-



Domestic air traffic controllers "take"

port issued a directiv allowing the use of French at five Quebec airports. For francophones that limited extension of French was not enough, and the following summer Patenaude refused to work under an English contract. Taking up his cause, francophone pilots, air traffic controllers, maintenance workers and small airline owners formed a lobby group, L'Association des gens de l'air du Québec. By Dec. 13, 1975, demands for the right to speak French in the air across the province gathered such political support that then-transport minister Otto Lang was pressured into authorizing bilingual communications at all Quebec airports.

But that decision provoked an angry backlash. English-speaking pilots insisted that bilingualism in the air was unsafe at any speed. Their response prompted the government to renge on its promise and instead establish a commission of inquiry into the effects of bilingualism on air safety. The francophone air traffic controllers refused to cooperate with the commission, charging that Commissioner John A. Kenyon was not objective. Yet when he resigned, English controllers protested by calling into work "sick." As the national air traffic controllers' union split along linguistic lines, Canadian and some international pilots responded by refusing to fly at all, citing safety reasons. Air traffic in Canada was paralyzed. The work stoppage continued for nine days and was relieved only when Lang named these new commissioners.

But the expansion of the commission did little to soothe linguistic tensions across the country. While the issue sparked anti-French sentiment among some anglophone travellers, francophones rallied to the cause. Marc LaRonde, then Ottawa's health and welfare minister, appeared on Quebec television wearing a sign de l'air button. As well, Lang's compromise triggered the resignation of then-minister of the environment Jean Marchand, a close colleague of Trudeau's. And Marchand, "Bilingualism is not a negotiable issue."

By the time the royal commission reported in August, 1979, the issue had died down. Stedman confirmed that controlled use of bilingualism in the air was safe and the policy was immediately implemented. Les gens de l'air, still dedicated to promoting the use of francophones in the aviation industry, now focus on improving working conditions and preventing the transfer of jobs from Montreal—economic preoccupations that are a far cry from the nationalistic crusades of 1974. As Patenaude told *Maclean's* last week, "The spirit of that first fight will never be recovered. We had a utopian goal then." Almost a decade later, Les gens de l'air stands dedicated: bilingualism does fly.

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COLUMN

Losing with conventional wisdom

By Charles Gordon

Here comes a big bus. Look, it has someone's name on it in big letters. Now it's stopping and a guy in a blue suit is getting out. He's waving at somebody. Now dozens of silver people are getting out, carrying cameras, microphones, notebooks and tape recorders. Look, they're all crowding around the guy in the blue suit. He's saying something. Whooops, they're all getting back on the bus. Now the man in the blue suit is waving again. There goes the bus. How long were they here, a minute or so? What happened?

You know already. It's the ritual of political campaigning in the 1980s. The leader carries a crowd of reporters and TV technicians around with him on a bus. When it stops, they all get out and the leader poses against an appropriate background—a farm, a factory. He delivers a prepared statement about farms or factories. Then they board the bus again and drive off to the next place. Nothing has happened on the plane or bus to cause the leader to feel strongly about a factory or a farm. The exposure to the real world is limited. Every day he sees the faces of the same reporters and cameramen. He sees the inside of the bus and the plane. He sees the occasional hotel ballroom, filled with his supporters. Nothing in his day-to-day experience, as particular impulse, has caused him to make his statement.

Weeks ago his handlers typed in that farm or that factory on an itinerary. Nothing that happens there will affect him; once what he says at the next farm or factory. He has shaken hands with a carefully selected farmer or factory worker. If the leader is in opposition he has made his statement about the plight of the farmer or the factory worker. If he is in government he has spoken, with no small pride, about the five things he has done for farmers or factory workers. Let him denigrate from the script at all and his handlers will speak to him about it.

As you watch the bus pull away, you wonder what is happening on it. Perhaps, you think, the leader is elaborating on the statement he just made. Perhaps on that very bus the essential process of political dialogue is going on: the leader is explaining his position to the reporters so that the reporters can explain them to the people and the people can judge them intelligently on election day.

But is that what's really going on? Not

exactly. The leader is not talking to the reporters. He is not allowed to talk to them far fewer that he might say something that isn't in the script or comment in favour of a policy that hasn't been presented by the party politicians. Instead, the leader is sitting with his handlers, separated from the reporters by a curtain. He is preparing the statement he will make at the next stop—a shoe store. The reporters are at the back of the bus, staring. They don't have any work to do, having already written their stories about farms and factory statements. The shoe store statement is the same as last week's shoe store statement in another town.

As you watch the bus pull away, you pull out the political philosophy textbook you always carry in your back pocket. You've had an oversized pocket sewn onto your pants just for this purpose. The textbook tells you that one of the purposes of elections is to educate

The leader is not allowed to talk to the reporters. He might support a policy that hasn't been pretested.

the voters, give the parties a chance to stimulate discussion on important issues and give the voters a chance to expand and make up their minds as to the direction they want their province or nation to take. The leader and his handlers don't have the textbook, just three-ring binders full of public opinion polls. The leader is getting off his bus and saying as little as possible, then getting back on the bus, giving interviews, or he's meeting with big real people. He is wearing a cloak of invisibility.

Why is a man who is in the business of being known to and beloved by all seeking invisibility? The answer is in the three-ring binders. The polls tell him he's ahead. What he has to do now, his handlers advise him, is to keep a low profile, avoid saying anything that might cause controversy. His handlers have studied the American presidential campaigns of 1960 and 1984. They watched Joe Clark win in 1979 and Pierre Trudeau regain power in 1980. They know how those elections were won: take an early lead in the polls and sit on it. Don't say anything, don't make

any mistakes. If the press complains, don't worry. How many legends does the press have?

This has been the philosophy of political smart guys for a decade or so. The philosophy means that most pillars of thought. The first is that the politician is trusted. The second is that political campaigns don't change anything. The voter's mind is made up early and it doesn't much matter what the party leaders do during the seven or eight weeks before the vote.

If the smart guys had been right, John Turner and the Liberals would have won the 1984 federal election. A Gallup poll taken while he was making up his mind to call the election gave them an 11-point lead—48 per cent to 35—over the Conservative Party. The margin of the vote is enough for a majority of the seats in the House of Commons.

Fifty per cent is even better, 50 per cent being the percentage won by Brian Mulroney and the Conservatives. In a political campaign that isn't supposed to change anything, the Conservatives increased their popular support by 12 points and the Liberals lost 20.

Less than a year later the Ontario Conservatives under Frank Miller took the conventional wisdom and some favourable polls out onto the highways. When the campaign began, Miller led by 22 points over the Liberals, 51 per cent to 29. Miller led. He ran a carefully controlled campaign and refused to debate the Liberal and NDP leaders on television. When the votes were counted Miller and the Conservatives had 37 per cent of the votes, David Peterson and the Liberals had 36. The Liberals had gained nine points and the Conservatives had lost 14 in a campaign that wasn't supposed to change anything.

Smart men and women have been at the conventional wisdom shops, looking to create the old version in an something a bit more up-to-date. The new model, it turns out, is not too much different from what we used to have, back in the days when political leaders met people and gave interviews to reporters, back in the days before polling was an exact science. Now the politicians have to grapple with some new thoughts. Campaigns matter. Polls can change. The next time the big bus stops, the man in the blue suit might get out and talk to you. He might even listen. He knows now you can run, but you can't hide.

Charles Gordon is a columnist for the Ottawa Citizen.



Where unemployment is at the heart of the economic and political dilemma confronting the Tories

Wilson's budget challenge

By Ken MacCormac

Sitting on the sidelines of a Canadian budget bench on a Thursday with debate about the direction of the national economy. For weeks before Michael Wilson's first budget speech this week, advice bombarded the Tory finance minister from all sides. He was surrounded by Ottawa's usual mix of business and public advocates. Free traders and economic nationalists, tax reformers and subsidy seekers, fiscal conservatives and supply-side theorists all proposed prescriptions for a better economy. There was, too, a hint of aggression at the Canada Employment office in east and west Canada. "We're not going to get a job," a depressed Terry Bowcher [joined the nation's vast army of unemployed in a fruitless search for work. In a twist of last year's Conservative election pledge to pitch policy toward creating "jobs, pay, and skills" — not "welfare for the unemployed"] rapped in his seat as he listened to the budget debate. Bowcher's remark: "We come here to eat and eat and eat."

to. Well, if you out a lot you are bound to waste some money. I'd like to spend, spend, spend! It will cost some bank in permanent jobs in the future."

Donohue's advice went to the heart of the economic and political dilemma that confronted Wilson: The finance minister's problem was how to balance the budget while maintaining the free government's ideological impulse to cut federal spending as the way to assist an unfettered private economy and, at the same time, to respond to the political pressure for jobs. Wilson's answer was to promote both in a "tough but fair" budget—"the positive message" that the Tory members of Parliament, at a caucus simultaneously held, were to deliver in advance of his progress upon the nation after the budget.

Other far-right economic advocates in more readability narrative, also manipulating the second legend. The four western premiers last week endorsed creation of a common market with the United States (page 32). So did Toronto's C.D. Howe Institute, in a new free-trade study. And in the United States, the Reagan administration looked to sweeping tax reform as a way to stimulate economic well-being—a preposition argued upon Canada in a Modern's interview by Columbia University economist Robert Marcell, the Canadian-borne guru of supply-side economics (page 14). But far Terry Bowser and the rest of the almost 5,000-

Boesher's plight, and that of the others in the Ottawa employment office searching through lists of nearly 95-an-hour chores last week, illustrated the problem. Boesher, 31, who has lived for much of the past year on \$142-a-week unemployment insurance cheques, spent the previous 10 years in a series of construction jobs that became more and

indier and poorly paid as the economy slumped into the 1890s. He has few illusions that Wilson's budget will help him back into the fold of the employed. His wife, Harriet, says she is disappointed that the government with a challenge that is political, as well as economic. *Saint Boncher*: "My father once told me, 'Vote for the Liberals because they spend more money.'"

But Wilson has a real fear that one in nine members of the national labor force is without a job. Wilson prepared his budget in the half-gloom of an economy that has been gradually strengthening during the last two years of the century. While the national product is expected to increase by only three per cent this year, it has expanded by an average of four per cent during the past two years. A rise, if unexpected, could drive the price level into a runaway inflation. But Wilson was reassured by the knowledge that sharp tax increases or deep spending cuts could endanger the economy's fragile recovery. He wants to pursue political maneuvering.

tered at once by inflation, unemployment, high interest rates and a declining dollar. From mid-1981 until the end of 1982, 500,000 jobs were lost, economic output dropped by 6.6 per cent, interest rates peaked above 21 per cent and consumers and businesses hoarded what money they had. It was a vicious battle that left a war of red ink, lingering unemployment and a residue of fearful hesitation among both producers and consumers.

Now, as Wilson told the March National Economic Conference in Ottawa,

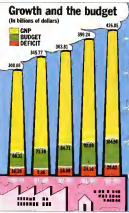
dollars goes to pay net interest on the accumulated national debt.

One obvious option for Wilson in attacking the cost of the debt was to cut back on the \$206-billion in federal expenditures financed by spending cuts. Estimates for the budget year that opened in April 1993 put the savings at \$10.5 billion, after an anti-inflationary package. Charest was parliamentary debate, that Canada's \$206-billion-a-year social welfare net would not be a target in any deficit-cutting exercise. Wilson was left to look for examples in other governments and in the private sector. The cultural aid to Mongolia received research. Many programs were already earmarked for austerity in advance of the budget year, including defence, environmental projects and federal agencies such as the

Confidence: Wilson received voluminous advice—sometimes contradictory—about dealing with the deficit. The Business Council of Ontario is warning the heads of 150 of Canada's largest corporations, argued that at least \$5 billion must be shipped from the deficit to prevent the kind of economic business that according to Leo de Rover, the director of Toronto's Chase Manhattan, a \$5-billion cut in government spending would create a disaster for the economy that at least 100,000 jobs would be lost. But within the Conservative caucus there was a call to accelerate the kind of spending cuts that would create the worst recession since the war rather than the Conservative Finance Committee chairman Don Stockman, far from one, said he believed that

There was widespread support in the Conservative movement for such a 50-basis-point increase for the year "You need to do something big enough to improve the confidence position in the market," he said. Under Charles McMillan, Mulrooney's senior policy adviser, "There is no question that implementing change is easier when you're growing than when you're in bad conditions. But you also have to remember that there is an enormous consensus among people for some hard choices."

Despite the uncertainties and risks, Wilson has the strongest probudget economy in 1986 with sales before the tax cut of \$1.86 billion and 1985 construction rate of 1.5 percent (ENR 1/13 p. 12). The company's long-term outlook is steady at or under four per cent since



Growth and the budget

A trusted budget team



Cohen, improving the economy's health while avoiding post-budget turmoil

By Michael Rose

As Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Canadian Armed Forces 707 returned to Ottawa from the recent summit meeting in Bonn, West Germany, earlier this month, reporters dived in their seats, convinced that anything newsworthy had been duly noted. But in the farthest corner of the plane, prime ministerial aides arrived in and out of the first-class cabin as Mulroney, Finance Minister Michael Wilson and key advisers pored over a draft of the federal budget. The document had been rushed to Germany the day before so that the budget team would have as much time as possible in polishing a statement that could prove critical to the very government's first term. But the airborne battle was interrupted at one point by a persistent announcement from the pilot—stand by for rough weather ahead.

In an attempt to evade political and economic turbulence, the Mulroney government invented an unusual effort in preparing its first full budget—issuing consultations with outside business advisers. Indeed, opposition critics complained that Wilson had taken an unusually long time—almost nine months since the Sept. 4 Conservative election victory—to prepare an antidote to slowness in the national economy.

Wilson's problem was compounded by Mulroney's reluctance to risk unpopular—used by the Prime Minister's usually strong presence in the budget-making process. Mulroney, according to several key insiders, played an active personal role in every facet of preparing

the budget. For his part, Wilson and a trusted team of senior advisers worked on the budget amid persistent rumors—disseminated by a senior staffer in the Prime Minister's Office as "utter bull"—of a fundamental disagreement between Wilson and Mulroney over how far the government should extend the austerity program proposed in the finance minister's preliminary financial statement last Nov. 8. Wilson, 47, a former Toronto securities broker who is dedicated to putting Ottawa's financial books in order, appeared to have scrupulous battle in cabinet before Christmas as he led his dogmatic resistance on spending for universal social programs. A senior Tory maintained the budget in its finished form "in very much a Mulroney and Wilson document."

Other key players on Mulroney's budget team, who had significant influence among the major contributors

Charles McMillan, 39,

the Prime Minister's senior policy adviser, is a former professor of business administration at Toronto's York University. McMillan strongly advises spending cuts and played an important role in revising portions of the draft and acting as an informal conduit for ideas from interest groups and consultants.

Bernard Ray, 45, Mulroney's principal secretary, chief of staff and a close friend of the Prime Minister, is a lawyer by

profession. Ray told Mulroney's that one of his roles was to ensure that the Conservative election program be translated into policy. They also advised on the political ramifications of the budget.

Mickey Cohen, 56, the deputy minister of finance, is one of Ottawa's shrewdest and most powerful bureaucrats. Despite Cohen's strong ties to the previous Liberal government, Mulroney kept him to ensure continuity in a crucial ministry. A supporter of private sector initiatives in the economy, Cohen played a pivotal role in preparing the budget by setting in motion with the rest and helping assess the budget's impact.

Fred Garfield, 40, senior assistant deputy minister of finance for fiscal and social policy, was tapped in Regentia economics while giving a lecture at Duke University in Durham, N.C. An expert draftsman of position papers, Garfield prepared the first technical draft of the budget.

Gerry Shannon, 48, senior assistant deputy minister for trade, tax, economic development and administration, is a 22-year veteran of the civil service with special expertise on Canada's role in the world economy who served as economic chief at the Canadian Embassy in Washington. Shannon, according to insiders, played a leading role in preparing the government's November economic statement and concentrated on ensuring that the budget was faithful to that document.

Other key players included David Cohen, a senior finance department official who is said by acquaintances to know "how the numbers affect the real world," William MacMahon, chief economist of the Bank of Nova Scotia and another fervent advocate of deficit reduction who was seconded to the finance minister's office for a year, and Peter Barr, a specialist in tax policy who is loaned to Wilson from the Prime Minister's Office.

Clearly, the Mulroney government's pre-budget efforts were aimed not only at setting the economy on a new road to health but at forestalling the kind of post-budget turmoil that

defeated Joe Clark's Tory government in 1979.

Forced then-Liberal finance minister Allan Rock to rewrite parts of his 1981 budget. But as Sam Hughes, former head of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and now a private consultant in Ottawa, observed last week, "If nobody is angry about this budget, it won't have been a success."

With Terry Burrows in Ottawa

late last year. Mortgages and prime lending rates are in the manageable range of 10% to 12% per cent. And consumer confidence indexes are relatively high, while business confidence is improving. In the same Ottawa office tower where Beebeer failed to find work last week, the Conference Board of Canada computers detect the pulse of a healthy economy. "You wrap it all together, it's a good year," declares James Frank, chief economist for the independent economic research group. "The down side is that we don't have a significant change in unemployment. It is coming down, but not much. We think it will remain in the 14% to 15% per cent range over the next couple of years." For his part, Andrew Keimigson, president of the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada, finds that "the outlook for investment is very optimistic."

Weak demand: But that optimism is not spread evenly across the country, nor is it shared equally by Canada's key industrial sectors. While the mining industry still suffers from flagging exports caused by weak world demand for minerals and the relative strength of the Canadian dollar in many overseas markets, the general economic recovery has barely touched portions of the Canadian forestry industry. Newsprint and paper producers in Eastern Canada are reasonably healthy, but the lumber industry in British Columbia is still reeling from the shock of the early 1980s, when the bottom fell out of North American housing markets. Declined Ross Haydon, a Vancouver consultant and president of PaperTree Economics Ltd. "If they cut the corporate tax to zero in the federal budget, it wouldn't do British Columbia any good, because there is no income."

The outlook for manufacturers is rapidly improving. When Statistics Canada surveyed about 5,600 manufacturers last month it found that a remarkable 85 per cent expected to maintain or increase annual production levels. That was down only for a second year, as attested by the recession. "From May, 1981, to February, 1983, the manufacturing sector lost 318,000 jobs, which was more than 60 per cent of the jobs lost across the country," noted Paul Kovacs, the chief economist at the Toronto-based Canadian Manufacturers Association. "The recovery since then, led by consistent spending on big-ticket items such as cars and home build pools, benefited Ontario and Quebec the most. Manufacturers in the West have largely missed out on the new prosperity." Ken Elburn, vice-president of the Calgary-based western division of Deloitte Design Co.

a major steel fabricator and industrial contractor, notes that while any measures in Wilson's budget to promote investment will be welcome, Ottawa alone cannot provide the necessary investment in world markets his company needs. "I don't see how the budget can have an impact on our industry in the short term," says Elburn.

Projections by the Royal Bank of Canada predict that Central and Eastern Canada are expected to lead the nation's economic growth into the next century. Ontario manufacturing should stimulate an average growth rate of 3.5 per cent a year, the study concluded. In Quebec a strengthening manufacturing sector and planned hydroelectric proj-

ect-shall about \$34 billion in annual petroleum-related taxes. On the face of it, the deal compounds Wilson's deficit problems, although a hoped income surplus could help. But the agreement, according to Ian Smyth, executive director of the Canadian Petroleum Association, is "pulling the industry back on the road to hell." And is an application of the supply-side economic theory that tax cuts can lead eventually to increased government revenue. Smyth said that the weakness he expected to spur exploration in Atlantic Canada and the North and ultimately contribute to the nation's economic health by providing both jobs and profits—and healthy tax revenues.



Money makers at the Toronto Dominion Bank: a flurry of chilling projections

ects are expected to push economic growth to an average 3.8 per cent annually into the next decade. While Atlantic Canada is hampered by above-average unemployment rates, oil and gas exploration is expected to expand the region's economy at an average annual rate of 3.8 per cent.

Assault: Major business groups have made it clear to Wilson that the price of their support is far less to make good on promises to reduce government regulations of industry and begin an assault on the federal deficit. The model for other federally regulated industries, such as transportation and communications, is the so-called Western Accord—the federal energy deal signed in March with British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. That agreement freed all from government price structures and the petroleum industry from a network of federal regulations. It will eventually

As he prepared for his budget, Wilson met with scores of interest groups, ranging from chambers of commerce to the Canadian Conference of the Arts, and offered through "lunch and learn" briefs. Out of all that, the recurring message, and challenge, was that the most beneficial force Wilson could unleash in the economy is to inspire confidence on the part of Canadians to buy a house or a new car, start a business or hire some workers—confidence, in short, that the economy is growing steadily and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. That is an economy so recently assuaged by recession, as exposed to unpredictable international economic currents and with a million and a half Terry Beebeers desperately looking for work, that is not likely to prove an easy task.

With Richard Winston in Toronto



Mundell at home: Introducing Reagan's first-term tax cuts and the current wave of tax-reform proposals in Washington

The unlikely guru of the supply-side

By Lenny Glynn

Face to face, Robert Mundell seems an unlikely man to take the powerful Soft-spoken, pale and round, his back, greying hair hangs well below his ruffled collar. Mundell, at 64, more closely resembles the stereotypical of an eccentric rockstar. His Manhattan apartment is cluttered with books, antique time-a-bras and nearly 300 oil canvases that he has painted in recent years. But Mundell has been rocking both the theories and the practice of economics in the United States and beyond for more than two decades. He has a apt to do the same in Canada.

His academic career has carried him from a one-room schoolhouse near Kingston, Ont., to the universities of British Columbia and Washington State, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Chicago. Since 1974 he has been the star of the economics department at New York City's Columbia University. He is the guru of the "supply-side" economic theories that have inspired the administrations of President Ronald Reagan—and which Mundell declared in a *Maclean's* interview could cure the economic ills of his native country.

Mundell's ideas affront the totalitarian descendants of John Maynard

Keynes, who 50 years ago stressed the management of public and private spending power—the demand side of the supply-and-demand equation—to promote economic well-being. He likewise espoused the rival monetarist school under Milton Friedman—who's former teaching colleague—which espouses control of the money supply and borrowing power to discipline an economy. Mundell is also widely accused of espousing either tax reform policies which cater to the wealthy on the ground that their investments eventually benefit everybody. It is a theory that Harvard economist John Kenneth Galbraith, a fellow Canadian, once bemoaned in *Maclean's*.

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In defiance of his critics in the economic establishment, Mundell has attracted a host of articulate and influential disciples—many of them Reagan Republicans and among them University of Southern California business Prof. Arthur Laffer, New York congressman Jack Kemp and *The Wall Street Journal*. And through their advocacy Mundell's supply-side theories have spread back the Reagan administration's dramatic first-term tax cuts and the current wave of tax reform proposals in Washington. Indeed, Mundell is credited—and blamed—for creating more impact on current U.S. policy than any other economist of his generation.

Any economic planner new to the world at least replete with Mundell's ideas. And his continuing behind-the-scenes influence in Washington has powerful implications for the government of Brian Mulroney as it grapples with a stubborn budget deficit and high unemployment. It was a slightly different dilemma—rampant inflation combined with economic stagnation—that originally

prodded Mundell to sketch out the elements of supply-side theory. At a 1971 conference of economists in Bologna, Italy, he shocked both Keynesians and monetarists by proposing that the cure lay in combining stimulative tax cuts with restrictive monetary policies. The "Mundell mix," in short, paired fiscal and monetary policies in opposite directions—and against the orthodoxy that regarded tax cuts as inflationary and tight money as contracting production.

But he argued that lowering tax rates would stimulate investment and job-creation; tight money would encourage savings and curb credit-fueled inflation. Mundell's tax prescriptions focused on the "supply side"—goods producing businesses and businesses themselves. If inflation was caused by too much money chasing too few goods, Mundell insisted, the solution was to curb money growth on one hand and spur output on the other. That policy and a belief in an international monetary order of fixed currency exchange rates pegged to gold have been Mundell's main themes ever since.

Wisdom: And if his efforts to revive a modified gold standard have so far found few supporters in Washington, Mundell's stress on setting the highest level of tax rates to increase incentives has become the dominant Washington wisdom. All the major current U.S. tax reform proposals agree on dramatic cuts in the top rate of U.S. income taxes to 30 per cent or less from the current 50-per-cent marginal rate. Mundell told *Maclean's* that Canada already lags in tax reform, and further U.S. rate reductions would make action by Ottawa "absolutely imperative." With most reaching cuts in Ottawa's top tax rate, Mundell argued, the engaged tax regimes would make Canadian industries uncompetitive and speed up the flight of Canadian capital to low-tax U.S. havens.

In line with Mundell's emphasis on tax reform, and mindful of Mulroney's pledge to reduce the federal budget deficit, the economist said that France and the United States could be "partners" for Canada—if it prompted tax increases. "By all means there should be efforts to move toward a more austere stance on government spending," he said. "But given the demand for government progress, the revenues will have to increase." He leaves little doubt the way to boost revenues is to lower Canada's top rates of taxation. Over time, he contends, lower tax rates will stimulate investment, output and employment, ultimately raising more revenue from a revived economy. And the supply-side guru admits "By next year, unemployment is already high. If all Canadians who are willing to work were working, the gross national product would easily be high enough to close the budget gap."

Debating Reaganomics

Reaganomics was the U.S. president's eight years ago in a promise that the people could have economic prosperity and lower taxes too. Blaming the federal budget deficit for provoking inflation and early signs of recession, Reagan vowed to eliminate the deficit, restore stability and reduce tax rates. Under the influence of supply-side economic theory, the President joined his policy on the argument that tighter taxes would stimulate output and employment so that the total tax take would expand enough to help repay the deficit.

Recession: Now, four months into his second four-year term, Reagan has returned to the tax reform agenda for an answer that again shows signs of faltering after emerging from the deepest recession in 50 years. In the meantime, since Reagan's first tax cuts, the deficit has ballooned to more than triple the rate of the fall budget is an estimated \$205 billion in projected spending of more than \$60 billion. Supply-side proposals have been limited to military spending. But current tax reform proposals, including Reagan's and variants espoused by both liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans in Congress, all provide for further drops in the rates levied on personal and corporate income brackets—as much as 50 per cent.

As the current top individual rate of 50 per cent. The cuts were to be accomplished by the elimination of an array of tax credits, allowances and deductions that disputes over the loopholes to be closed or left open under pressure from Washington's threatened bank work to collapse the whole package.

Argument centred on a revised Reagan plan, known popularly as Treasury II even before its anticipated release next week. It was expected to retain benefits for businesses such as the oil industry. "By next year, unemployment is already high. If all Canadians who are willing to work were working, the gross national product would easily be high enough to close the budget gap."

ing the ideal of fair play. The Senate Finance Committee alone expects to hear from more than 200 witnesses. Said committee member George Mitchell, a Maine Democrat, about closing tax-break programs in an unbalanced way. "It is one thing to talk in the abstract, it is quite another to do it." Those programs, critics say, have been unfairly. A study authored by Joseph Pechman of Washington's Brookings Institution concluded that the government, while cutting taxes on business and property, increased the burden on wage earners. Pechman also found that since 1960 taxes have risen for the lowest income groups, declined sharply for the wealthy and were unchanged or higher for middle-income groups. Under breaks for business, more than half of the 300 most profitable corporations either paid no tax or received credits in the amount of more than \$1 billion.

Confusion: But when Reagan revived the tax reform campaign in November with his first plan, Treasury I, corporations protested—particularly about a plan to cut off depreciation allowances that boost cash flow from new investments. In the centre of the debate were the President's recent comments that the tax reform would be "a major step in the direction of a new economic policy." It is an interview with *Maclean's* that Reagan said he was aware of projections that, although Treasury I would reduce corporate tax rates, clearing loopholes would increase overall corporate income by 35 per cent. Reagan acknowledged that changing depreciation allowances "might kill the goose that has laid the golden egg."

Treasury Secretary James Baker, the former White House chief of staff who is officially responsible for Treasury II, is more attuned to politics than supply-side economics. Baker viewed Treasury I proposals as having "high potential for political trouble and low potential for reform." "By next year, unemployment is already high. If all Canadians who are willing to work were working, the gross national product would easily be high enough to close the budget gap."



Robert Mundell

Kemp, disciple



The dangers of deficits

By Colin Brown and
David Somerville

At the heart of the federal government's effort to set the scene for a prosperous Canada with low levels of unemployment, inflation and income is the threat of continuing deficits. They may be considered in human, not accounting, terms because individual taxpayers Canadians bear the brunt of them. Much Canada's share of the national debt is, on average, now about \$9,000. The interest on this debt is about \$1,000 for every man, woman and child. (The U.S. deficit is heavily entangled, yet the Canadian deficit, compared either to gross national product or to population, is more than twice as large.)

The Government advocates say that the national debt is far higher in the Second World War, compared to the total value of national production at the time. They neglect to mention, however, that interest rates then were a fraction of what they are today and that, therefore, the cost of carrying debt today is far higher. As well, we were then fighting a war, which we knew would end, in defeat Western civilization. Why are we asking so deeply into debt now?

Interest: The advocates of government by credit card allege that the debt does not matter because "we owe it to ourselves." But, in what amounts to a "reverse Robin Hood policy," the taxpayers paying the interest bill on the debt are less wealthy on average than those who hold the bonds. Government incurs debt by selling bonds to individuals and institutions. These buyers' bonds have money to lend. In 1981 more than half of all personal income taxes were paid by those with taxable income of less than \$30,000. Those with taxable income below \$20,000 provided almost two-quarters of all personal income taxes, but the interest debt this year is more than all personal income tax revenue in 1981.

The government owes debt dollars to pay for much of today's spending programs. However, today's debts generate tax and interest costs, and the children will be paying some of their lives to cover today's program spending, which they neither used nor voted upon. Some analysts contend that more debt-financed government spending is needed to stimulate the economy, but the government has not increasing structural deficits for 13 years.

We are now in a recovery, with a \$25-billion deficit. If we do not reduce it by the next recession, dropping revenues and rising costs—such as unemploy-

ment insurance payments—will balloon the deficit, perhaps to \$45 or \$50 billion. The government usually uses the money it spends either through taxation or borrowing. Rising deficits put pressure on governments to increase taxes. High and rising taxes tend to drive business firms from taxpayers to government. Per-



Brown, our children and their children will pay

sonal freedom is diminished, excessive trips or new purchases put off.

Rising taxes would stifle new wealth creation, lower the incentive to work and drive entrepreneurs into the "underground economy." Experience shows that beyond a certain level of taxation—which we believe we have reached already—higher taxes bring diminished revenues and may actually reduce them.

Interest: This year's \$25-billion deficit will cause, as next year's debt, about \$4 billion in interest charges. If next year's deficit is to be held in \$25 billion, \$4 billion will have to be cut from program spending to accommodate the interest charges. Otherwise, to maintain the same program spending the deficit would have to rise to \$29 billion—and

the interest charges on that will be closer to \$5 billion the next year, and so on. Inaction or indifference in making meaningful deficit cuts will discourage investment in Canada—both by Canadians and foreigners—that is needed to create real jobs and prosperity. Cutting the deficit might cause some short-term unemployment. On the other hand, some accompanying tax cuts could offset this effect. Yet arguing that deficit cuts should be avoided because of some possible short-term unemployment, is our view, the saying that a doctor should refuse to treat a patient suffering from cancer with chemotherapy because of its unpleasant side effects.

Indebtedness: Huge deficits carry with them the risk of inflation. Some critics try to refute this by focusing on the past two years when deficits rose and inflation fell. They conclude that deficits do not cause inflation. This argument is as sound as the one that concludes beds are dangerous because people die in them. Continuing deficits have produced inflation because politicians, wanting to spend more without raising taxes or borrowing, have resorted to "monetizing" the debt, or printing money.

If that were done, the resulting inflation would destroy the value of pensioners' life savings. It would also have short-term negative effects because inflation would lead to increasing interest rates, while the real value of the debt would be eroded through inflation, the real cost of the debt would be reduced.

Our position is that the government needs to send out a strong signal by making a decisive \$5-billion cut in the deficit.

Any businessman or housewife could find ways to cut their spending by less than five cents in the dollar—a \$5-billion cut in a budget of \$100-billion amounts to. This government can now blame the predecessor for the fiscal mess. Next year it will not be as easy, the year after, impossible. This government has a huge mandate for change—all that is needed is courage, resolve and leadership.

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The national debt is not crushing

By Ruben C. Bellan

Canada's national debt consists of about \$200 billion in bonds which the federal government has sold to cover its budget deficits. Well over 90 per cent of those bonds have been bought by Canadian individuals and firms. Hence the Canadian nation owes that \$200 billion almost entirely to itself and makes the interest payments on it almost entirely to itself. In the case of bond holders who are taxpayers, the government takes money out of their left-hand pockets as taxation in order to put it into their right-hand pockets as bond interest. Because taxpayers do not own bonds, the government transfers money from some Canadians to other Canadians. The real content of this transfer is obscured and reduced by the fact that very large amounts of the government's bonds are held by banks, insurance companies and pension funds. Thus, anyone who has a bank account, an insurance policy or a pension plan is receiving interest on government bonds.

Monsters: It is widely but wrongly assumed that the national debt is so different from any other debt of a person, a company, a city or provincial government—and involves the same kind of evil consequences, that it must result from continuing growth of the national debt.

• The government will simply go bankrupt, some day it will not have the money to pay its creditors.

• The government's interest obligations will take so much of the revenue that it will have little left for its other responsibilities.

• The next generation will be unfairly, aggressively burdened.

• The government's huge borrowing to pay its debts will sharply drive up interest rates.

• The government's spending of income amounts of borrowed money will inevitably cause severe inflation.

Every one of these alleged ominous distinctions under even cursory examination. The federal government has unlimited power of taxation over all persons and firms in Canada and has the authority to create, in any amount, money of the kind that it is obliged to pay Canadian bond holders. It can never be



Bellan, the myth that deficits must disaster

unable to pay itself interest on the bonds it has inherited. That is not a crushing burden as the federal interest rates.

During the Second World War the government borrowed the equivalent, in today's terms, of about \$100 billion a year to finance the war effort. It was the spending of that income amount of borrowed money that ended the Great Depression of the 1930s, returning it with wartime prosperity. When the war ended, the national debt was nearly four times what it had been in 1939; at more than 150 per cent of the equivalent gross product, it was the equivalent of a debt today of about \$700 billion. Experts daily predicted at the time that the postwar generation would be crushed by the burden of debt. Few predictions have proven to be more false. The quarter-century between 1945 and 1970 was the most prosperous in Canada's history, the generation that came to maturity then enjoyed a far higher standard of living than any previous generation.

Swamped: Finally, the federal deficit is only one of the factors that determine Canada's interest rates and inflation—and it can be swamped by other factors. While the deficit this year is three times what it was in 1981, interest rates are about half what they were then, and the inflation rate is only a third. During the Second World War, when the government's deficits were the equivalent of triple the current ones, the inflation rate was under two per cent and the interest rate on government bonds under four per cent.

More than a million Canadians are unemployed today, while there is all kinds of useful work that they could be doing. Unemployed persons will get jobs, however, only when money is spent to employ them. The private sector is not going to spend money on a scale that would generate a significant number of new jobs.

The additional jobs Canada needs will come into being only if the federal government spends more, gives larger grants to provinces and municipalities so that they can spend more, and stimulate the private sector with tax reductions, grants or subsidies. Because such measures would likely increase the deficit, however, they are ruled out. In wartime, military imperatives brusquely thrust aside the governing myth that a nation courts disaster if it borrows from itself in order to bargain fairly its protective efforts. With the return of peace the myth repudiated its authority.

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The pressure for a free-trade pact

By Ray MacGregor

Throughout the month of May political leaders spoke of the matter in the stressed syllables usually reserved for a crisis. In West Germany, at the Bonn economic summit, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney swore, "We had all better get right to it." In Ottawa senior policy adviser Charles McMillan warned, "The danger for us is right now." And in Washington two weeks ago Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed noted that without prompt action "the opportunity is lost."

The source of the concern was trade—the business of doing business with other countries, which for Canada generates more than 25 cents worth of every dollar of additional income. More specifically, the leaders are worried about what will happen to Canada's annual export sales to the United States—approaching a peak of \$180 billion a year—in the face of protectionist sentiment in the U.S. Congress and the failure of the seven-nation economic summit early in May to reach agreement on starting a new round of world trade negotiations to remove tariffs, import quotas and other barriers to commerce.

Impetus: The anxiety has given impetus to a debate in Canada about free trade with the United States which has, over the past six months, reached proportions unseen in the nation only three before—both times concluding with political consequences. In 1978 Conservative Prime Minister John A. Macdonald rode to an election victory on a National Policy of trade tariffs by arguing that "no great nation has ever arisen whose policy was free trade." And in 1911 Liberal Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier lost an election by seeking reciprocal free trade with the Americans. That the anxious Mulroney government would even approach discussion of such a potentially explosive political issue—all signs bode ill for the very position that its Conservative father Macdonald fought and which defeated Laurier—is indicative of its crucial importance to the overall Canadian economy.



The Port of Vancouver traders fear a contraction of commerce under protectionist pressures

With the U.S.-Canada trade account tilted strongly in Canada's favor—a surplus of more than \$20 billion last year—it's not surprising that McMillan places rethinking of Canada's trade relations "very high on the agenda."

West At: At the mid-March summit in Quebec City, Mulroney and U.S. President Ronald Reagan vowed to work toward better trade relations. Prime Minister Michael Wilson's economic statement last Nov. 8 called for more access to U.S. markets. International Trade Minister James Keirleher released a discussion paper in January proposing negotiations toward a "comprehensive bilateral trade arrangement." Then former Liberal finance minister Donald Macdonald, now an economic nationalist, stated in February that he favors an agreement with Washington to remove trade barriers. In fact, Macdonald's royal commission on Canada's economy, which began work in November 1983, may recommend free trade in its June report.

Last week the church

for a Canada-U.S. free trade pact—and the voices of dissenters opposed to that vision—increased in volume. Toronto's C.D. Howe Institute, an economic think tank, presented its free-trade proposal in both Washington and Ottawa. Then the four western premiers, meeting in Grande Prairie, Alta., called for a Canada-U.S. common market. And a federal discussion paper on foreign policy, published by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, added to the debate (page B2).

The conservative C.D. Howe Institute's 168-page study, written jointly by economists Richard Lipsey and Murray Smith, rejected a long-standing concern in Canada that a free-trade pact with the United States—roughly 10 times the size of Canada in population and in the scale of its economy—would so forcefully erode Canadian political independence.

Said Lipsey: "When we looked at these issues as dispassionately as we could, we were forced to the conclusion that our cultural and political sovereignty would be increased, rather than di-

minished, by achieving a mutually agreed-upon to the U.S. market."

In contrast, a group of about 500 economic nationalists raised an alarm against commercial union with the United States at the first Toronto meeting of a new organization, the Council of Canadians (CCC), which is the successor to the old, and so far, largely inactive membership—the Committee for an Independent Canada. The CCC disbanded in 1980 after an 11-year crusade for nationalist jobs, which laid the groundwork for the 1981 Foreign Investment Review Agency and the 1980 National Security Program. Those programs respectively screened foreign-ownership proposals to assure "significant benefit" for Canada and provided incentives for Canadian ownership of

business in Canada. The trade account is improving, with more than 70 per cent of Canadian merchandise export sales last year going to the United States, up from 65 per cent in 1975. U.S. suppliers hold 70 per cent of Canada's market for imports.

Free trade makes at least moderate sense to much of Western Canada, but not so much to Ontario and Quebec, the two provinces in which manufacturing plants have the most to gain from tariffs on imports. According to the Canada West Foundation, which reflects a historic Prairie grievance against price-inflating restrictions on manufactured imports, Ontario benefits by \$494 million in 1983 from protective tariffs and Quebec by \$60 million, while the West had to pay out an addi-

tional \$417 million in higher prices for tariff-protected consumer goods. Ontario's worry is that free trade would undercut prices—and employment—in its manufacturing industries.

On the other side of the border Democrats, who dominate the U.S. House of Representatives, are unconcerned by the free-trade impulses of the Reagan Republicans. Even Republicans in Congress are responsive to steelworkers, auto workers, farmers, forestry workers and fishermen who blame cheaper imports and subsidised foreign goods for unemployment and slack sales. Canada has felt the impact in the form of U.S. restrictions on sales of potatoes from the Maritimes and in U.S. campaigns—to be largely unsuccessful—to restrict imports of an array of Canadian products, including lumber, steel and fish. With congressional midterm elections approaching in 1986, Reagan is in a



Reagan, U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker, Wilson, Mulroney "get right to it"

hurry to arrange trade deals with the rest of the world before Congress shifts the focus.

Plans for Reagan: A major line in the American economy is its deficit in trade—a record \$307 billion (U.S.) last year. Despite a 16 per cent increase in U.S. exports to 1983, imports still topped that problem would diminish if Japan, Canada and Western Europe opened the doors wider to American goods. Most of his major current partners agreed in Bonn to the idea of a so-called "Reagan Round" trade talks under the auspices of the 36-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, following similar trade-liberalizing rounds in the 1960s and 1970s. But President Francois Mitterrand of France resented an early start, wanting greater certainty to return to the currency exchange system, because the highly prized U.S. dollar floats freely and economic management in other countries.

The Reagan administration has taken steps in the meantime to strike deals with individual countries as it did early this year in a pact with Israel to eliminate tariffs within 10 years. The previous Canadian trade minister, Gerald Regan, promoted a plan to negotiate free cross-border trade in stages by product sectors. Now his successor, Keirleher, says he expects U.S.-Canada talks to begin by this fall, setting a new protectionist sentiment as the reason for getting talks under way.

Distrustful: Although American pressure to protect domestic industry is directed mainly against lower-priced and subsidised imports from Japan and Europe, the notion of free trade with Canada has detractors. They argue that Canada's energy and raw resources already enter freely and that Canada offers nothing more than a California-sized market beset by transport problems. James Flax, chief economist with the Conference Board of Canada, asked in an interview with Macdonald's "Why would the Americans want to do this? Most of their companies already operate here, see the industry in good accord, from a corporate point of view, they have already got that market covered. Why would they want some aggressive Canadian company to come down there and compete?"

And the competition, even the supporters, do not agree where the arguments will lead—to free world trade, free North American trade or even reduced trade. But all acknowledge that because of Canada's heavy dependence on the U.S. market, the outcome will crucially affect the Canadian economy, as Mulroney said following the Reagan in Bonn, for Canada it is "a case of diminishing options."

Harley: second choice



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A foreign policy furore

By Hilary Mackenzie

The power of the external affairs department document tabled in Parliament last week was belied. It showed a stylized map of the world with Canada poised between the United States and the Soviet Union—in the middle of an interdependent, and often dangerous world. The idea was to shake Canadians loose from the old idea of their nation as isolated and far removed from Europe and Asia. But before External Affairs Minister Joe Clark had finished handing the Green Paper on foreign policy that lay beneath the bold

Clark suggested that the committee could discuss the issue and prepare an interim report before the government made a final decision on Star Wars, probably in the fall. But Clark refused to promise that the decision would be delayed until the committee reported. Caught up in the furore, Deputy Prime Minister Clark, himself fought off a 45-minute attack in the House by insisting that the opposition was advocating its responsibility if it boycotted the hearings.

Malruay first presented the foreign policy review, now known as *Commitment and Security: Directions for*

questions that the government does not want to debate. The report states that certain commitments of Canada's foreign policy—including membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the United Nations and the defence of North America—were "sacred" and would not be up for review by the all-party committee. Nor, noted Clark, would the government stop making major policy decisions while the committee holds hearings and works to produce recommendations by May, 1986. Said Clark: "The world will not wait for us."

As a result, the 43-page external affairs document repeatedly addresses issues on which government action is likely before Parliament debates. Typically, the Green Paper discusses increased defence spending and renewed international trading competitiveness as a basis on which Canada can regain power and influence on the world stage. But Canada is expected to table policy proposals on defence in September, before the committee review could be completed. In discussing trade, the Green Paper touches on the growing pressure for some form of free-trade arrangement with the United States. Noting that American protectionist pressures are mounting, the paper suggests that "a new Canada-U.S. trade regime, incorporating expanded mutual trade obligations," could help to achieve Canada's trade goals. But new trade agreements with the United States could merge as early as this



External Relations Minister Mulroney, Prime, Clark and Kesteven, regarding power and influence

cover, opposition members of Parliament were ridiculing the document and refusing to take part in a year-long parliamentary hearing that Clark insisted would chart Canada's new course in international affairs.

The furious debate erupted in the House of Commons as an opposition member after another took the floor to attack the report as biased and seriously flawed. Both the Liberals and the New Democrats threatened to boycott a special 11-member all-party committee which would examine the Green Paper unless Prime Minister Brian Mulroney agreed to postpone a decision on Canada's specific participation in United States research into the space-based Strategic Defense Initiative, popularly known as "Star Wars," until the committee has made its recommendations. In an effort to placate the opposition,

Canada's International Relations, during last summer's federal election campaign, but its preparation was held up by cabinet wrangling and bureaucratic delay. As the Mulroney government's first systematic attempt at reshaping Canada's foreign policy, the document poses, but does not answer, 50 questions on subjects ranging from defence to foreign aid, human rights, Canada's traditional roles in international institutions and its relations with the rest of the world. Among other things, whether Canadians believe that supporting nuclear freeze proposals holds evidence or leads to eventual reductions in such weapons, and whether Canadians are satisfied with the "careful balance" the government tries to maintain in its relationships with Israel and its Arab neighbours.

What angered the opposition were the

fall, following talks between International Trade Minister James Kruger and his U.S. counterpart, Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter.

Clark's refusal to let some current issues be a part of the foreign policy review infuriated opposition members. The committee hearings, declared Liberal Leader Jake Turner, would be "voluntarily restricted, considering two of the most important decisions facing the country"—Star Wars and free trade—are not part of them. For his part, Clark told reporters that major decisions taken by the government could be reversed if "wrong, catastrophic" recommendations are revealed. "Our fear," said Turner, "is there could be a domino effect, where people are saying, 'I'm not going to invest here, the major market is in the United States.'"

A less combative stance in the West

During the 15 years that Pierre Trudeau's liberalism ruled in Ottawa, annual meetings of the western premiers regularly served as occasions for angry attacks on Ottawa over issues ranging from freight rates and revenue sharing to tariffs and taxes. But with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Conservatives entrenched in Ottawa, last week's meeting of the western premiers—two Tories, a Social Credit

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Loughheed at a breakfast session of summit

and a New Democrat—predictably adopted a far less combative, though as less resistant, attitude to the federal government than in the past. The premiers called on Ottawa to ease the burden of borrowing rates on farmers and to embark on a reform of Canada's tangled tax system. Then, in a surprising act of assuagement, the premiers endorsed a modified version of Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed's current crusade for free trade between Canada and the United States.

In a controversial move after two days of talks in Grande Prairie, Alta., 400 km north of Edmonton, the premiers—William Bennett of British Columbia, Lougheed, Grant Devine of Saskatchewan and Howard Pawley of Manitoba—urged Ottawa to press for the evolution of Canada-U.S. trade barriers and the creation of a common market. The call for a common market, rather than outright support for free trade, represented a compromise between the views of the three free-trade proponents—Social Crediters Bennett and Turner, Lougheed and Devine—and the more cautious stance of New Democrat Pawley, ideologically the odd man out at the conference. Pawley, who had retorted that he supported free trade but not necessarily free trade, added that in moving to a common market arrangement, a five- to 30-year adjustment period might be needed to allow Canadian industries to adjust to the larger, and more competitive, marketplace.

But Lougheed argued that a common market was simply a less threatening way of describing free trade, while Devine said that Canada should act to insulate itself from growing protectionism in the United States that could mean a partial surrender. "Our fear," said Devine, "is there could be a domino effect, where people are saying, 'I'm not going to invest here, the major market is in the United States.'"

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Mulroney, who presided during last summer's election campaign to devote more time to western concerns and to his harshest "grand slayer" of East and West, has it all but any time the region once he took over as Prime Minister in September. But he denied that there was any kind of "fence-mending" involved in the trip. With British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan still leading in the girth of the March 28 Western Alliance, the four leaders called for a more rational and faster system but offered few specific ideas. Indeed, the talks exposed sharp differences among the four met. While Bennett argued that tax levels must be reduced

across the board of business in to prosper, Pawley maintained that Ottawa should introduce a minimum tax and thus level the playing field. The U.S. tax reform plan—that he said cut the federal government \$30 billion a year in lost revenue. The premiers did agree that Canada would benefit from the establishment of a "Canada Equity Plan" to provide tax incentives for investors in Canada.

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Quebec's contentious demands

Over the years successive Quebec premiers have striven to achieve a special place for Quebec within Confederation. Premier René Lévesque, whose Parti Québécois took office nine years ago dedicated to separating the province from Canada, reverted to the more traditional goal last week when his government outlined the conditions under which the province would secede to the Confederation, approved by the rest of the provinces in 1981. The 22 proposals would have the effect, if accepted, of fundamentally changing Quebec's role within Confederation. But, declared Lévesque, they merely represented "an attempt to give the province the basic tools that we think could allow us to function within the federal system, with honor and dignity."

The proposals were Quebec City's first formal attempt to break through the constitutional logjam that has existed since Quebec refused 15 years ago to sign the constitutional accord. At least some of the proposals, which were delivered to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and the other provincial premiers the night before the announcement, seemed certain to be rejected. Quebec's demands included an insistence that the Constitution "explicitly recognize the exist-

ence of a people of Quebec"—a demand that Mulroney might agree to—as well as Quebec's traditional demand for the right of veto over "modifications of federal institutions and the establishment of new provinces," which some of the provinces were certain to oppose.

One of the most contentious issues was likely to be Quebec's insistence that it be given exclusive jurisdiction over language, a demand that Mulroney is already on record as opposing. As well, Quebec wants to be exempted from much of the federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms, arguing that the province's own charter is "more generous." Other demands included jurisdiction over immigration and economic development, funding programs, enlarged powers in the communications field and a guarantee that three of the nine Supreme Court of Canada judges will be chosen from Quebec with the approval of the provincial government. In Ottawa, Justice Minister Jean Chrétien said that "this is not something

that's going to be resolved overnight."

Besides reflecting historic Quebec demands, Lévesque's constitutional proposals also represented an obvious bid for voter support at a time when the premier is under pressure to step down from his brief but only one reason said the Parti Québécois national executive, who fear that under Lévesque the party is headed for disaster at the polls. For his part, the 60-year-old premier admitted to reporters that in recent months he thought about quitting as leader of the PQ "a million times, you can't imagine."

Many party members now suspect that if, as expected, the PQ loses four by-elections called for June 2, Lévesque will announce his resignation at a June 15 meeting of the party's national council. He is already certain to face criticism at the meeting from the party's remaining hard-line sovereigntists, who feel that the constitutional proposals amount to a further betrayal of the party's independence option. But as Lévesque observed last week, while he still believes in Quebec independence, sovereignty "is not for tomorrow." □



Lévesque's duty

The Yukon turns to the left

By Heather Sticklestill

By 9:30 as election night in the Yukon last week, the New Democratic Party, headed by Anthony Penikett, was leading the incumbent Conservatives by one seat. Only the riding of Old Crow had yet to report on the verdict of its 165 eligible voters, because the telephone lines were down to the traditionally tiny Indian community almost 300 km north of Whitehorse. Then, at 10:30 a local radio operator made contact with the village, and the local radio stations announced the result. Old Crow had elected NDP candidate Norma Ryan by a six-vote margin and in doing so had almost certainly brought about a stunning upset and put the New Democrats into office as a majority government.

Results were immediately ordered in two ridings, including Old Crow. In the meantime, the NDP held tight seats in the 16-seat territorial legislature—two more than in the last election—while the Conservatives, under Wilfred Phelps, the 43-year-old lawyer who has led the party for only 2½ months, dropped to six seats from nine after holding office since 1978. In a result that closely resembled the May 2 provincial

election in Ontario, where the NDP held the balance of power, the Yukon's third-place party—in this case the Liberals under Roger Coleman—won the legislature's two remaining seats.

Both Penikett and Phelps planned to seek the Liberals' support in the legislature. But Penikett, a 39-year-old former scriptwriter who is also the NDP's national president, was confident that his

After a two-seat margin of victory in the Yukon Territory election, the NDP upset the Tories and the recounts began

party could form a government because its voters were close to the Liberals on several key campaign issues. Among these was their mutual preference for indigenous economic initiatives in forestry and the fur trade to replace heavy dependence on federal aid in a territory that currently has an estimated unemployment rate of 50 per cent. The dependence on Ottawa, fostered by the Yukon Conservatives, may have

contributed significantly to the party's downfall—particularly after federal documents suggesting cuts to native programs were leaked midway through the campaign. The election was the Yukon's third since party politics replaced a system of loose alliances seven years ago in the federally governed territory. Since then, the Tories had ruled under Chris Pearson, who resigned as government leader last fall after criticism by party members that he was leaning too far to the left in his policies. Phelps, a third-generation Tinsler, was elected leader of a party coalition in March and called an election five weeks later with the promise that he would fight for more territorial control over land and resources—a jurisdiction that is now controlled by Ottawa.

Though recounts could drastically alter the arithmetic in the new legislature, Penikett appeared eager to form a minority government if he got seats from the co-operation of Yukon, Doug Bell. But Liberal Cole, a cabinet minister and model manager whose party was shut out in the 1982 election, warned that the NDP might have to make some concessions. Said Cole: "There are a lot of things we do agree on, but if they start coming up with a lot of left-wing legislation, then we'll have to take them down a bit." □

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NISSAN
REAL MOTION



The Odeco Ranger drill rig before sinking, embittered and complex litigation

ODECO's controversial profit

Ever since the massive offshore drilling rig Odeco Ranger capsized in a storm and sank off the Newfoundland coast in February, 1982, the families of many of the 84 victims have battled in and out of court for compensation from the Louisiana-based Odeco Drilling and Exploration Co., which owned the rig. So far, ODECO, which refused to admit negligence in the sinking, has paid \$15 million (U.S.) to settle 46 separate claims. But the settlements have not seriously damaged ODECO's profits. In fact, the sinking of the Odeco Ranger actually boosted company earnings, which totalled \$785 million (U.S.) last year. Last week relatives and friends of the Odeco Ranger's dead reacted bitterly to the news, disclosed in the company's latest annual report, that ODECO recorded a \$45-million profit on the loss of the Odeco Ranger. Declared Ole Newhook, executive administrator for the Odeco Ranger Families Foundation, who lost a cousin in the accident: "It's an outrage. But the whole thing has been an outrage."

ODECO, which is the world's second-largest offshore drilling contractor, explained to shareholders in the annual report for 1984, which was released last month, that the profit came about because the rig was insured for more than twice its depressed worth and added that the eight claims will outstanding against the company would easily be covered by the company's \$200-million (U.S.) liability insurance policy.

For the families of the Odeco Ranger

's victims—the majority of them Newfoundlanders—the report of ODECO's profit merely intensified their feelings of frustration and bitterness. Indeed, for many of the families the aftermath of the Odeco Ranger's sinking has been a long and painful ordeal. Several families feel they were misled by their own lawyers, who persuaded them to accept offers of as little as \$40,000 on the belief that such settlements were as high as they would ever be. But the families who held out have received substantially larger settlements, including the most recent one—in the widow of a Scottish crew member—of \$2 million.

In some cases the litigation is both bitter and complex. Two Newfoundland families have refused to settle, and their \$50-million suit for gross negligence and gross misconduct will be heard in a Texas court later this year. Now ODECO has launched a counter-suit, claiming that the families breached a contract with the company by not accepting December, 1984, awards of \$75,000 (U.S.).

The suit may be the belatedly appointed Royal Commission inquiry into the Odeco Ranger Marine Disaster will publish a report detailing the safety practices that could prevent any repetition of the Odeco Ranger tragedy. Already, many recommendations contained in the first volume of the commission's report last August have been implemented. But the most important safety issue, an effective method of rig evacuation, has yet to be resolved.

—Chris Wilson in Halifax and
Peter G. Kent in St. John's

Miller's Tories court the NDP

In the wake of the May 2 elections that left Premier Frank Miller's Conservatives and the opposition Liberals in a virtual dead heat, the two parties last week desperately wooed the province's New Democrats, who will hold the balance of power in the new legislature which opens early next month. In an attempt to win New Democratic backing, bring down the Tories and then, perhaps, form his own government, Liberal Leader David Peterson offered to promote NDP Leader Bob Rae with a written guarantee to implement the kind of legislation both the Liberals and the 25-member NDP caucus want—including equal pay for work of equal value, tougher anti controls and stricter laws to protect the environment. For his part, Miller—who saw eight of his ministers defeated—shuffled his cabinet and promoted several progressive Tories in an obvious overture to the New Democrats.

The cabinet changes switched Larry Grossman—Miller's closest rival in the February leadership convention—from the provincial treasury to the education portfolio, and made him House leader. In that job, the progressive Grossman will have the task of handling the Tories' new revenue province to increase public funding of the Roman Catholic school system—an issue that seriously hurt the Tories in the election. In other cabinet changes Miller named Health Minister Alan Pope, another progressive to the high-profile post of attorney general, and former citizenship and culture minister Susan Fyfe was named to the highly sensitive environment portfolio. Peter Stophenson, a conservative Tory and former education minister and chairman of the management board of cabinet, was given the important post of treasurer.

While confidently swelling his new cabinet lineup, Miller—whose party dropped to 52 from 72 legislative seats, while the Liberals rose from 26 to 48—insisted that the NDP would throw its support behind a Conservative minority government, just as it did when the Tories, under former premier William Davis, failed to secure a majority in the 1979 and 1977 elections. Miller said sure out to be right. NDP strategists feared that if the party backs the Liberals in the legislature, Peterson could use the support to bring down Miller's government and then call an election that could bring the Liberals to power—and wipe out the New Democrats in the process. □

"So what's for dinner?"

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Goode Avenue and environs after the fire; Goode (below) on eviction notice that destroyed an entire city block

WORLD

'Attention, MOVE. This is America'

By Marel McDonald

By any standard, the residents of the red-brick rowhouses at 6821 Goode Ave. in West Philadelphia were troublesome neighbors. Spouting a doctrine of anarchy, they sported deadlocks, kept their children naked and left human feces and garbage rotting in their yard, where rats and wild dogs roamed amid the stench. All night a rooftop loudspeaker broadcast their harangues, peppered with threats and profanity. By day they transformed the narrow two-story houses into an armed fortress. For more than two years Earl Watkins, a retired airport concierge, and other homeowners at the east, black working-class block had begged city officials to take action against the group, which called itself MOVE—a name that apparently stood for nothing. But when that action finally came last week, it swiftly turned a neighborhood nuisance into a bizarre American tragedy. In a previous strike, hundreds of policemen surrounded the evacuated city

block as city Police Commissioner Gregoire Barber warned out a bulwark. Attention, MOVE. This is America. You have to abide by the laws of the United States." Then, after an 86-minute morning gun battle and a three-hour perimeter by fire department water cannons had failed to rout the group, Barber stepped up the attack. From a state police traffic helicopter, his team dropped a cannon satellite containing two incendiary bombs—a war-related blundering agent used in training—on MOVE's rooftop bunker.

As evacuated residents looked on in disbelief, the bomb triggered a six-alarm fire—the worst in the city's history—that reduced most of two tree-lined blocks to smoldering rubble. The 86-minute toll: 33 homes destroyed, 280 homeless and at least 11 MOVE members dead, four of them chil-

dren. Firemen were still unearthing their fragmented corpses from the rubble 48 hours later. "We wanted action but we never expected this," said Watkins, 75, surveying the blackened skeletons of his home of 37 years. "All I've got left are the clothes on my back."

Inside him, his wife, Allen, an unemployed photographer, broke down and wept.

Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode swiftly took responsibility for the tragedy, admitting police strategy "did not turn out as intended" and conceding that he would have vetoed the use of an explosive charge had he known that gasoline was stored inside the house. But as the Red Cross set up shelters for the homeless in a nearby church basement, the police tactics sparked questions about the miscommunications that turned an eviction measure into a night-



mare of urban warfare.



Philadelphia police on nearby rooftop; homeless residents (below) probing questions about the wisdom of police tactics

The incident was the second violent confrontation between Philadelphia and MOVE, a local band of revolutionaries founded in 1972 by Vincent Leaphart, a handyman with a third-grade education. Spurning modern technology, bureaucracy and hygiene, Leaphart called himself John Africa and prompted his disciples to adopt the same surname. He urged them to renounce modern food, schooling and even electricity, although MOVE's Goode Avenue loudspeaker was electrically powered and the group had accumulated utility bills worth

the police strike. Said the mayor: "We should not permit any one group to hold an entire city hostage." MOVE members still occupy two other houses not far from Goode Avenue. And one of their tenants, who calls himself Jerry Africa, warned, "This confrontation has not stopped just because the whole neighborhood burned down." Instead, some observers agreed that MOVE was already ahead. Said Gorman Davis, a letter Goode Avenue resident: "The MOVE people won. They said they would take the whole block down with them and they did."

The incident was a serious setback for Goode, Philadelphia's first black mayor and a former administrative and cautious conciliator. Goode, 46, had worked to restore the reputation of the City of Brotherly Love—the fifth-largest city in the United States. He had also succeeded in curbing the excesses of a white-



dominated police department known for its corruption, racism and shoot-first policies. But last week, as mobs of black youths taunted police with cries of "murderer" and white journalists were escorted out of the area, critics compiled a series of probing questions about the city's handling of

the Goode Avenue siege: why Goode waited so long to act against MOVE; why police had not used more conventional tactics, such as an armored personnel carrier to smash into the house instead of dropping a bomb on a site that intelligence could have revealed was stacked with gasoline; and why firemen—who emptied 540,000 gallons attempting to penetrate the rooftop bunker with water cannons—waited at least an hour before moving in to contain the blaze. Said Gerald Arenberg, executive director of the American Federation of Police: "They broke every rule in the book."

Other officials agreed, including New York's colorful Mayor Ed Koch, who belittled Philadelphia's police tactics "stupid." Spurred Goode in response: "Let this run its city. I'll run mine." But despite the criticism, most Philadelphians supported their mayor. A local poll showed that 81 per cent of Philadelphians approved of his actions. In a series of pained press conferences, Goode blamed the fire on the fact that MOVE had denied the house with gasoline and noted that firemen were in danger from sniper fire. While the mayor announced a commission to investigate the entire incident and promised to rebuild the block by Christmas, the homeless filed a class-action suit against the city. Warned one victim: "The compensation had better come fast or things could turn ugly." □



Alms leaving Nigeria by truck: impoverished, hungry and panic-stricken

NIGERIA

Exodus from a land of hope

Chilling: "We are ready to die," tens of thousands of illegal aliens straggled through the gates of a special deportation camp last week near the Nigerian capital of Lagos. Impoverished, hungry and panic-stricken, the aliens demanded permission to return immediately to their homes in neighboring Benin, Togo and Ghana. The furious mob formed part of a stream of 700,000 immigrants, nearly half of them Ghanaians, expelled by the Nigerian government because they were unable to prove that they were legal residents. Nigerian officials had set a May 10 deadline for their departure, but while about 350,000 managed to leave in time, another half a million—left behind when border crossings closed—were forced to holding camps to await repatriation by ship.

At one point riot police used tear gas and whips to quell the increasingly desperate crowds. Then, on May 13, the aliens broke out of the camp, joining a long convey of buses, cars and trucks heading west for the frontier. There, nervous Nigerian border guards opened fire, apparently to avoid being crushed by the horde. According to police officials in Benin who witnessed the event, at least four people died. Nigerian authorities denied the charges.

It is not the first time that Nigeria, black Africa's most populous and once the wealthiest nation, has ordered the wholesale expulsion of guest workers. In January, 1983, then-president Shagari deported two million foreigners in an attempt to reduce unemployment.

Since then, many aliens have returned. But Nigeria's economic malaise has worsened. Although its oil exports will earn the country \$4.8 billion this year—95 per cent of its foreign exchange—60 percent of that will be needed to service its \$22-billion external debt. Initially, Nigerians welcomed the December, 1983, military coup that toppled Shagari. But a draconian program of economic austerity, including import curbs and public sector layoffs, has led to widespread starvation. Critics of the current order now contend that the country's leader, Maj.-Gen. Mohammed Buhari, expelled the foreigners in order to defeat blame for the economic crisis from his increasingly unpopular regime.

For his part, Buhari's ministry of internal affairs issued a blunt statement on the expulsion, declaring that the welfare of Nigerians must come first. Meanwhile, the aliens' journey home is unlikely to end their misery. Their arrival was greeted with hostility in Ghana, where criminals accused them of having abandoned their country at the height of its own economic upswing in the early 1980s. Since then, as a result of painful austerity measures, Ghana has staged a remarkable recovery—one that may not be threatened by the "returnees," head pastor Ghanaian broadcaster Joe Cofo. "For those of us who have stayed behind and brewed hardships to build a better future, they are creating unnecessary problems."

—JARED MITCHELL, with Joe Cofo in Accra

SRI LANKA

A deadly fusillade

The sleepy town of Anuradhapura in Sri Lanka's North Central province has served as a spiritual capital for the nation's Sinhalese Buddhists for centuries. Graced with serene white-roofed stupas, the town hosts hundreds of pilgrims every day who come to pay homage to Buddha with trays of white jasmine flowers. Among the sacred shrines, the most important is the 2,600-year-old Sri Mahabodhi tree. According to legend, it grew from a branch of the tree in east-central India under which Gautama Buddha received enlightenment. But last week the majestic tree became the site of one of the grimmest incidents yet in the bloody struggle between the Sinhalese majority and the Tamils fighting for independence.

The nightmare began at the town's bus station, where Tamil guerrillas disguised as government soldiers suddenly opened fire with machine guns on civilians. Then, the rebels dove to the Sri Mahabodhi tree, where white-robed pilgrims had gathered. Without warning the guerrillas sprayed a crossfire of machine and rifle fire with bullets, yelling "Run you Sinhalese, run." The two mobs claimed at least 145 lives and left scores wounded. Wounded Buddhist monks, a 60-year-old tea vendor who carried the carnage. "I pretended to be dead. A small child on my right was hit and fell and the mother pleaded with the gunman, 'Please don't.' But they came up and shot her through the mouth."

The massacre and other fighting throughout the last week have again brought the death toll for the week to more than 229. Officials described the violence as "unprecedented in modern times." By any measure it was the nation's worst crisis since July, 1983, when Tamil guerrilla raids on Sinhalese towns provoked an army offensive that took on innocent civilians from both communities, claiming 400 lives. To avoid its repetition, security forces were placed on full alert following the Anuradhapura killing. Nevertheless, at least 10 Sinhala living in the area were killed following the massacre, and five Tamil-owned stores were set ablaze. Further north, at Jaffna, 48 Tamil passengers on a ferry were killed when an unidentified force stormed the vessel with guns, knives and swords. Government troops took their own revenge, killing 28 civilians during a raid on a camp run by the Kalam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front—the most important faction of six groups seeking an independent Tamil state in northeastern Sri Lanka.

The week's violence, observers warned, dealt a powerful blow to the already slender hopes for a peaceful solution to the island's ethnic conflicts. Indeed, danger lies for calm from leading Buddhist monks, the nation's 11 million Sinhalese were clearly shaken by the heinous assault. It was the first time that the separatists have struck outside the Tamil-dominated regions in the north. As well, the symbolic defiling of the sacred shrine struck at the heart of Sinhalese religious belief. The community has long feared that its culture and religion would be absorbed not only by Sri Lanka's 2.6 million native Tamils, who are mainly Hindus, but also by 43 million ex-colonialists in southern India, only 11 miles across the Palk Strait. As a result, the powerful Buddhist clergy continues to oppose greater autonomy for the minority.

For their part, Tamil radicals—and an increasing number of moderates—contend that Sinhalese-dominated governments have stifled their democracy. Since the island acquired independence from Britain in 1948, successive governments have passed legislation making the Sinhalese dialect Sri Lanka's official language and Buddhism its predominant religion. In addition, Sinhalese reserve preferences in hiring for the civil service. Still, both communities managed to live together peacefully until 1976, when disaffected young Tamils banded together to form guerrilla armies. During the past three years terrorist activities have been met by reprisals such as Sinhalese civilians and from the unorganized government armed forces, also dominated by Sinhalese.

Last month Sri Lanka President J.R. Jayawardene, 73, issued a series of new proposals aimed at bringing about a Tamil back to the bargaining table after a four-month hiatus. In exchange for a ceasefire the government offered a broad amnesty, controls on the armed forces in the north and revivification of a 1962 constitutional amendment which requires civil servants, professionals and all members of parliament to renounce separatism. That would enable 110,000 who belong to the moderate Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) party to assume their seats. However, Tamil leaders immediately dismissed Jayawardene's proposals, saying they failed to address their concerns about a government policy of dividing their numbers by resettling Sinhalese in their midst. Meanwhile, as the violence continued, what was once known as Anuradhapura, both communities began to fear more violence. The cycle of attacks and counterattacks, it seemed, was pushing the nation closer to outright civil war.

—JARED MITCHELL, with Eric Silver in New Delhi

INDIA

Thwarting a murder plot

On January day last winter, two Indian Sikhs held a clandestine meeting with a Vietnam War veteran in a room at the New York Hilton Hotel. Goparaj Singh Bhat and Lal Singh were determined to launch a campaign of terror against the Indian government, their foe in the struggle for an autonomous Sikh state in India's Punjab region. But they needed arms—and the American, who claimed to have been a weapons expert in Vietnam, had offered to help.

The terrorist campaign, the Sikhs said



Indian police display radio burst: tougher penalties

also would include bomb attacks on hotels, public buildings and a nuclear power plant. They needed equipment—though they said, to blow up the Brooklyn Bridge. And they needed machine guns. These, they explained, would help them carry out their most dramatic project: the assassination of Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi during his planned visit to the United States in June. Training for the operation was scheduled to begin on May 6 near Columbia, N.J.

But the would-be terrorists never made it to the training session. Early this month the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Bhat in New Orleans—foiling the plot against Gandhi. Four other Sikhs were charged in connection with a conspiracy to kill chief Indian politician, Rajan Lal, chief minister of Haryana state, who was in New Delhi for medical treatment. Two

others, Lal Singh and Anand Singh, slipped through the FBI net to another country—possibly Canada.

According to affidavits filed in New York, the Sikh scheme was uncovered by an undercover FBI agent identified only as "A," who was the congressional Medal of Honor while serving as a navy commando in Vietnam. Bureau sources said they had videotapes of meetings between "A" and the Sikhs in New Delhi officials expressed "deep appreciation" to Washington for thwarting the plot against Gandhi, who is now 62.

Last year after the murder of his mother, Indira Gandhi, by her Sikh bodyguards. The prime minister, they said, would proceed with his U.S. visit June 12 to 18.

Meanwhile, the Indian government introduced tough new legislation to counter Sikh terrorism after horrors, some of them disguised as innocent civilians, killed at least 85 people in New Delhi and three neighboring states earlier this month. The legislation will increase the penalties for illegal possession of firearms. At the same time, police captured three of the terrorists responsible for the bombing blasts. All three conspirators—one of whom was a police constable—said that they had joined the extremist

group after the Indian Army invaded Sikhism's sacred Golden Temple in Amritsar last June, an act which enraged Sikhs around the world and they insisted they only turned to active terrorism after Hindus massacred 2,000 Sikhs around the country following Indira Gandhi's assassination. Bhat, during a similar backlash, has warned Indians not to "evacuate the country" to the new wave of Sikh terrorism. His strategy to isolate the extremists from the moderate Sikh majority. "We have the choice of containing a small group of extremists and terrorists and carrying the rest of the Sikhs with us," Gandhi told parliament last week, "or we could very easily go wrong. A small error could turn the whole group against us. This is where we must show utmost restraint and patience."

—MARCUS GIBB, with Eric Silver in New Delhi and Jim Auster in Washington

The Left's new hero



Rudi Kahl

Ever since Chas-Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was swept from office in October, 1982, West Germany's Social Democratic Party (SPD) has searched in vain for a leader who could match his skill in wooing moderate-German voters. After the party's unexpectedly handsome election victory on May 11 in the country's most populous state, North Rhine-Westphalia, many German leftists believe that they have found their man. Johannes Rau, state premier, was returned to power with 52.1 per cent of the vote after trouncing conservative opponent Bernhard Warne of the Christian Democratic Union. A folksy, beer-drinking centrist with a solid record in office, Rau, 54, is now well positioned to replace the illustrious Hans-Jochen Vogel as national party leader in the national election scheduled for 1987. For West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who campaigned vigorously for Christian Democratic candidates, the results constituted a shrewd rebuke. The party's share of the popular vote slumped almost seven per cent from the last poll, and some observers say that Kohl's own leadership is now seriously threatened.

Communist setback

The perpetual bridesmaid of Italian politics, the powerful Communist Party of Italy won last week's elections for city, regional and provincial governments across the country as an opportunity to bid for national power. Only a year ago the party scored an unprecedented win over the conservative Christian Democrats in polling for the European Parliament. But in a serious setback for Communist Party leader Alessandro Natta, Italian voters once again decided that Western Europe's largest Marxist party should remain where it has been for four decades—in opposition. The major winners were the Christian Democrats and their allies in the country's coalition government. In two days of balloting, the five-party alliance led by Socialist Prime Minister Bettino Craxi took more than 58 per cent of the vote. The Christian Democrats alone, with 36 per cent, re-emerged as Italy's principal vote-getters, five percentage points ahead of the Christianists. Craxi, predictably, was delighted. The election result, he said, improved the life expectancy of his coalition, introducing what he called "a factor of stability into the Italian political situation." The current national government, Italy's 44th since the Second World War, has held power for 21 months. Only two others have lasted longer.

The CIA in Lebanon

Last March 8 a car packed with explosives blew up on a crowded street in West Beirut, killing more than 80 people. At the time, Western radicals charged that the United States had masterminded the attack—a claim dismissed by many observers as routine anti-American propaganda. Last week, however, reports from Washington suggested that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency had trained the Lebanese group that planned the bombing. In a front-page story, The Washington Post said the Lebanese counterterrorism unit had

killed a second group to carry out the bombing—which was done without the knowledge or approval of the CIA. The target, Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, a Shi'ite Muslim, was blamed for a series of suicide bombings on U.S. installations. But Fadlallah escaped unhurt. And one day later Washington reportedly searched all phone to see Lebanese presses to strike at hostile terrorist groups. In a carefully worded statement, the CIA denied training the Lebanese, but it did not rule out other links. Fadlallah, for his part, vowed no revenge. Said the cleric, leader of the Iran-inspired Hezbollah sect: "We have in our possession accurate information about the involvement of American, Israeli and Lebanese intelligence agencies."

An unholy reception

History's most travelled pope, John Paul II, set out on another foreign trip last week—his first visit to the Netherlands. But the welcome he received from liberal Dutch Catholics was unlike any he had seen on his previous 26 triumphant tours abroad. Carrying placards that read "John Paul stand aside, we can't see Jesus," hundreds of demonstrators refused Italian-style cordons to praise the Pope's stern moral views on contraception and other issues of sexuality. The church had viewed his four-day visit as an opportunity to heal divisions between the Vatican and the country's 2.5 million Roman Catholics. Instead, the Dutch openly criticized the Holy Father—and often ignored him altogether. Along the Pope's parade route small crowds gathered, among them many feminists, "pacifists," pacifists and homosexuals who chanted anti-papal abuse and hurled debris at the motorcade. At week's end the Pope moved on to Luxembourg and Belgium, greeted by more enthusiastic crowds, leaving Dutch leaders to puzzle over the ferocity of the protests. Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers, for one, blamed the resentment among the free-thinking Dutch on the Pope's inflexible teachings, saying, "Simply the word Rome makes some people uneasy, if not downright suspicious."

Revolt of the 'wets'



Pym's unemployment

To disaffected members of Britain's Conservative party, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Iron Lady image is beginning to rust. Last week a heated debate over Thatcher's policies erupted after some 30 moderate Tories, known as "wets," formed a separate group to oppose the prime minister's economic policies. Their key concern: Thatcher's attitude toward Britain's future unemployed. Indeed, the group's leader, former foreign secretary Francis Pym, warned party members during a recent convention that unless the party tackles the unemployment issue it will face certain defeat in the next general election, due before 1989. Already, Pym's fortunes are flagging, especially among younger voters, who now favor the opposition Labour Party by 15 points, according to a recent poll. To remedy the slide, Pym and his allies have called for government job creation programs. But swaying the party's resident right wing will not be easy. Most of Thatcher's backbenchers remain loyal, and one supporter last week dismissed Pym's rebels as "fishers and farm hearts."



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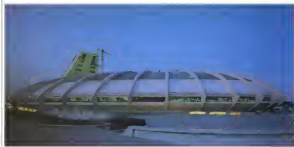
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BUSINESS/ECONOMY

Lavalin extends its reach

By Anthony Wilson-Smith

The agreement took years to negotiate, and when the work was completed there will be virtually as profit to show for it. But for the Montreal-based engineering giant Lavalin Inc., the contract to help two European firms build a \$200-million oil processing plant in the Tropicana offshoot on the southeast edge of the Caspian Sea gives the company something far more valuable: a foothold in the Soviet Union. Indeed, since 1977 Lavalin has been on the brink of signing contracts with the Soviet government to provide services on oil projects on several occasions. But every time a deal was close to being signed, the demand that Soviets insist on an in-house decision that the company found impossible to satisfy. Said Bernard Lamare, Lavalin's president and chief executive officer: "Sometimes we were so close I could taste it."

The persistence shown by Lavalin in negotiating the Tropicana contract typifies the qualities that have made the privately held, publicly-traded Quebec enterprise into one of the world's five largest engineering firms. With 5,800 employees and offices in 18 countries, Lavalin brought in \$247

million in operating revenue last year. The company has completed projects in 36 countries and in 1984 opened its office in China. And the projects collected by Lavalin divisions are as diversified as the markets in which they operate. The company will start building the roof of Montreal's Olympic Stadium in October and finished the \$100-million Sanctuary of the Martyr in Algeria—a three-pronged structure commemorating the country's 30th anniversary of independence—in 1983.

Still, energy analysts say that the greatest measure of Lavalin's success may be its ability to deal with the Soviets at all. Because of the huge trade

imbalance between the two countries—in 1984 Canada sold \$2.1 billion worth of goods to the Soviet Union while importing only \$26.7 million—the Soviets are reluctant to sign contracts with Canadian firms that are not involved in the grain trade, which accounts for 90 per cent of bilateral trade. Lavalin's partners in the Tropicana contract, the French engineering firm Lavalin Inc. and a West German engineering company, Lurgi Inc., both benefited from France's more equitable trade balance with the Soviet Union.

One reason Lavalin was chosen to join the consortium was because of its experience with oil processing conditions in Canada, which are strikingly similar to those in the Soviet Union. The company is a world leader in separating sour gas, which contains deadly hydrogen sulphide particles that can kill immediately if inhaled, from crude oil. Lavalin has perfected a complex separation process in western Canadian oil and gas fields, where the hydrogen sulphide content in the gas is as high as 70 per cent. In comparison, the sour gas in the Tropicana field contains about 25 per cent hydrogen sulphide.

Lavalin officials say that because the Soviets tend to

insist on further contracts to companies with which they have already dealt, the company sees the Tropicana contract as a loss leader. Despite spending more than \$2 million on market development and feasibility studies, Lamare admitted, the profit margin "is almost nonexistent." But Lavalin also is bidding against other firms for a \$100-million contract for work gathering, testing and controlling oil production at 58 wells in the Tropicana area. As well, Lavalin is preparing to bid on engineering work at Astrakhan, a gas field on the Caspian Sea. Winning the Tropicana contract, said Lamare, was "a tremendous relief, but it is only the beginning."

Most of the credit for Lavalin's international success is given to the hard-driving, high-spirited Lamare, 53, who joined the company as a trained engineer in 1959, when it was called Lalonde & Valois Inc. (Lamare's late father-in-law, Jean-Paul Lalonde, cofounded the firm with Ramon Valois, an engineer, in 1935). Born to working-class parents in Chateaufort, Que., Lamare is a competitive worker who begins each day with an 8 a.m. breakfast meeting and often works late into the evening.

In 1964, as president of Lalonde & Valois, Lamare decided that the company had to expand beyond Quebec and, indeed, Canada. The company began seeking contracts in French Africa, where it offered the advantages of North American technology delivered in French and English. As a Canadian company, the firm did not arouse the resentment local people often demand at European countries that had once colonized them.

The firm's first international contract was a 1967 transport study in Benin. Other contracts followed as the company won a reputation for efficient work on such megaprojects as the massive James Bay hydroelectric project. Said Lamare: "Along with the professional skills we offer, everybody likes our Canada." In 1970 the company changed its name to Lavalin Inc., now referring to a holding company in order to take over other engineering firms as it expanded into the industrial field. Lavalin now provides services including deal processing, urban planning and architectural projects.

Despite its huge size, Lavalin remains largely unknown in Canada—and Lamare likes it that way. The company is privately owned by Lamare, his younger brother, Jacques, and two other partners, Armand Couture and Marcel Leclerc. Besides Lamare, "We deal with organizations, so there is no need for us to be known by the general public." But with the international success Lavalin is enjoying, it is quite likely more and more people will soon recognize the company's name.

An Eastern buying spree

The executive suite of Newfoundland and Capital Corp. Ltd. occupies a gleaming corner of a modest office block in Dartmouth, N.S. It is the office of Harry Steele, the crusty 55-year-old president and majority owner of the firm, in a plaque that reads, "The man who with the most eyes, was" Steele, a former owner and officer and the son of a poor Newfoundland seafaring fisherman, has owned some impressive toys during his controversial 15-year business career, including his own airline. Earlier this month he added to his collection when he bought—for an undisclosed sum—the largest publishing chain in Newfoundland, Robinsons Printing and Publishing Ltd. of St. John's, the company that publishes the only morning edition of a buying spree, Steele is making no secret of the fact that Newfoundland Capital is as the jewel.

The firm has been visiting Eastern Canadian targets since April, 1984, when it sold Eastern Provincial Airways Ltd. to Canadian Pacific Corp. Steele said the firm did not consider the investment. The sale left Newfoundland Capital with \$20 million in cash and the ability to mobilize another \$50 million in healthy profits from Chatham, N.S. subsidiary, a wholly owned subsidiary based in Montreal, have furthered the next age. Steele, who controls publicly traded Newfoundland Capital through a 45-per-cent interest: "We have a big capital pool and virtually no debt." He added, "We are looking closely at the financial industry and we are going to look at more in the near future." Among possible targets are a radio station in Newfoundland and a New Brunswick high-technology company.

With the purchase of the Robinsons Blackmore chain, Steele has acquired 11 of Newfoundland's 17 weekly newspapers. The company has two printing plants, 175 employees, a combined newspaper circulation of more than 100,000 and \$10 million in annual sales. Some observers predict that Steele will eventually expand the chain's weekly, The Mirror, in St. John's

into a daily newspaper to compete with The Evening Telegram. Steele told Macdon's that he was attracted by Robinsons Blackmore's profits and opportunities for future growth. But Steele's main reason for getting out of the airline industry and into newspapers had more to do with the problems encountered during his stormy career running a business that was tightly restrained by government. Said Steele: "We wanted to get away from regulated industries and government control."

Steele bought Eastern Provincial from a fellow Newfoundlandian, Andrew Crocker, in 1959 for \$5 million. Steele quickly swept out Crocker's management staff and, by 1962 he had replaced the appointed executives with an 187,000 profit, compared to a loss of \$1.2 million in 1977. But Steele's iron will and sharp tongue also drew criticism from the airline. During a bitter 134-day strike by air crew Steele compared his pilots to bus drivers.

The controversial comment was a typical remark for the audacious and aggressive Steele. "You either love me or hate me," he once said. Among his friends he counts Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, New Brunswick Premier John Thomas and former Newfoundland premier Frank Macdon. As well, most of Newfoundland Capital's 400 investors

shareholders appear to be investors. With Steele at the helm, the company's worth has increased to \$36.4 million in 1984 from \$1.5 million in 1973. Said shareholders, friend and Newfoundland Capital director, former chairman of Bonanza Resources Ltd. in Calgary: "It is basically Harry's company."

In his Dartmouth office Steele recently showed his latest business maneuver as he leaned back in a flame-colored chair, a necky grin radiating from his face. "I was fascinated by business," he told Macdon's. "I was fascinated by takeovers, by selling, by finding a deal that makes sense. I like the game."

—Chris Wood in Halifax

Montreal standard (above): Lavalin: an elusive Soviet deal



Steele: firm and aggressive

Seagram reverses the stock deal

By Bruce Wallace

The plan was intended to protect a family-controlled firm from the tide of takeovers and mergers that has swept North America. Last March, The Seagram Co Ltd, a giant liquor and wine producer controlled by the Montreal wing of the Bronfman family, announced that at the company's annual meeting on May 22 it would

such schemes, management sought minority shareholders to accept a tender bid class of shares which offer high dividends but little or no voting rights. But the lower-voting shares have not fared well on the stock market, typically trading at \$2 to \$3 less than the powerful voting shares. Declared Leo Blouin, president of the Toronto Society of Financial Analysts, a group that argued against the Bronfman plan: "The fact

the US chemical giant—led to speculation that the company might fight back by attempting a takeover of Seagram itself. And analysts say that the use of the target—Seagram currently has a market value of \$3.2 billion—will not deter a corporate raid.

But the backlash against the Bronfman plan from minority shareholders, particularly institutional investors, proved too strong. Although Seagram management said that the proxy vote by shareholders was running in favor of the dual-share plan, insiders and analysts argued that it flew in the face of the traditional receipt of one vote for one share. Faced with growing criticism of the concept from the Toronto and Montreal societies of financial analysts, Seagram management changed its strategy. Said Donnick Dlouhy, chairman of Munro Publications Canada Inc and a leading critic of the dual-share plan: "The approach rubbed people the wrong way."

In seeking to create the two classes of shares, Seagram also ran the risk of having its stock removed from the New York Stock Exchange. The Ontario Securities Commission, which regulates the Toronto Stock Exchange, allows companies to offer shares with different voting privileges. But the NYSE cannot.

In studying the issue and step deep from the exchange, those companies which offer more than one class of voting shares, including General Motors Corp of New York, Seagram's standing in the United States is important to the Bronfmans. The company's nominal head office remains in Montreal, but most of its top management—including Edgar Bronfman—live and work in New York.

In Canada the investment community welcomed the family's decision to withdraw its controversial proposal. Said Dlouhy: "Seagram acted in a responsible way by withdrawing its offer." Seagram's shares jumped by \$1.50 on the day after the offer was rescinded, and opponents of the dual-share structure said that the Bronfmans "incidentally" discouraged other companies from trying a similar tactic. For the Bronfmans the threat of a takeover still remains, but the exercise may not have been pointless. As analysts noted, they have at least reversed notions that they are prepared to fight.

A debate over 'free' magazines

The rumor had been circulating for weeks: Toronto-based Cosme Communications Ltd, the country's largest publisher of controlled-circulation consumer magazines—including *Homeowner's*, *City Women*, *Unusom Magazine* and *Western Living*—was in serious financial trouble and was about to be sold. The potential buyers being sought by the publishing industry were Time Canada Ltd and the publisher of *TV Guide*, Telemedia Broadcasting Services Inc, both of Toronto. But last week Cosme executives made clear that they were pondering a radical, active shift of a sale. According to Frank Allen, president of Montreal-based Tele-Direct (Canada) Inc, the Bell Canada Enterprises subsidiary that owns Cosme, the publishing company is studying a change for some of its 10 magazines from controlled to free circulation—selling magazines instead of delivering them free to selected households. Said Allen: "We have some concerns about whether controlled circulation has peaked out."

Indeed, many publishers and advertisers share Allen's concerns about the future of Canada's controlled-circulation consumer magazines, which are distributed in selected affluent areas

and compete for advertising revenue with paid-circulation magazines, such as *McGraw's*, *Time* and *Nouvelles*. In Canada, Cosme pioneered the controlled-circulation magazine in the 1960s as an alternative to competing consumer magazines.

which dominated the sweetwaters. But now Cosme is coming under increasing pressure from advertisers to prove that its targeted audience is actually reading its magazines. According to Allen, the talks between Cosme, Time and Telemedia were to discuss whether either publisher would be willing to invest in Cosme as a partner and help the company set up paid-circulation operations. The additional revenue from advertisers and subscriptions would benefit "a couple of Cosme magazines," Allen explained.

Cosme's problems surfaced last November when it failed 18-year-old *Quest* magazine. *Quest* was a general-interest magazine that, at its peak in the late

1970s, was delivered to about 300,000 homes in middle- and upper-income neighborhoods in six Canadian cities. But advertisers started deserting *Quest* in June 1983, after the Print Measurement Bureau—a magazine organization that rates the market effectiveness of magazines—revealed that the magazine's readership had declined to fewer than one million readers from 1.6 million in 1981. With losses of \$1.5 million in 1984 and no possibility of a turnaround, Cosme stopped publishing the magazine.

Since *Quest* failed, the troubles at Cosme have continued. Advertising pages for *City Women*, *Homeowner's* and its Quebec counterpart, *Mesdames de Foyer*, slipped by 30 to 35 per cent in the first quarter of 1988 over the same period last year, according to a bulletin issued by Magazine Canada, an industry association. And Ted Gittings, president of Cosme, told *Maclean's* that the company's *Galaxy* Magazine and *Edmonton Magazine* "are not as profitable as they should be."

Cosme's predicament has reopened a



Gittings: battling doubts



Edgar and Charles Bronfman (right), a pair to multiply control and lure corporate raiders

ask shareholders to approve the creation of a new type of share which would carry 10 votes instead of one. Then, in April the Bronfmans, who own 48 per cent of Seagram's outstanding shares, said they would convert their holdings into the new shares—increasing their voting rights to as much as 96 per cent without spending a cent on additional stock and cementing their control of the company. But last week, only eight days before the annual meeting, the family suddenly withdrew its offer. The reason was unexpected and bitter opposition from the investment community. Acknowledged Robert Vlasberg, a lawyer and spokesman for Seagram: "There has been a significant swing of public sentiment against us."

Behind opponents of the scheme claimed that their victory would have important long-term effects in protecting minority shareholders. In the past three years Canadian investors have grown increasingly worried about the trend to dual share structures. Under

that a major Canadian company has backed off creating two classes of shares is a momentous event in the battle for shareholders' rights."

Stock market analysts say that Edgar Bronfman, 55, Seagram's chairman and chief executive officer, and his brother, Charles, 53, the company's deputy chairman, made the offer because they were worried about a potential takeover and wanted to solidify control of the company. Together, the brothers held about 80 per cent of the company's shares, while their sisters, Phyllis Lambert, a Montreal architect, and Madeleine Gosselin, a Paris socialite and arts patron, own seven per cent. In effect, the stock proposal was a "poison pill" designed to discourage takeover offers. In 1981 Seagram itself was considered when the company entered into a complicated and bitter takeover fight for Comco Inc, that gave Seagram 50.2 per cent of Comco's parent firm, E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. The Bronfman firm remains at Du Pont—its new own 22.4 per cent of

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debate about the relative effectiveness of paid- and controlled-circulation magazines. Some advertising agencies, which help major advertisers make media-buying decisions, "have a bias against controlled-circulation magazines," said Ann Bodin, senior vice-president of M&B Advertising Ltd. in Toronto. Added Bodin: "If people do not pay for a magazine, these agencies worry about whether anyone actually reads it."

Some publishers of paid-circulation magazines contend that their controlled competitors are at a disadvantage. Saul Michael de Pencier, president of Toronto-based Key Publishers Co. Ltd., which owns Canadian Business and Toronto Life: "With controlled-circulation magazines, circulation does not mean readership." De Pencier noted that his 31-year-old mother, who has never worked outside the home, receives City Women—simply because she lives in Toronto's affluent Rosedale area.

Even though Comac is considering abandoning the strategy it launched, Gitting defended controlled circulation as a marketing and distribution tool. He blamed Comac's current problems on factors other than its circulation methods. For one thing, he said that he doubted the accuracy of Print Management Bureau studies, including one that credited a competing magazine with an "unbelievable" 14.5 readers per copy. Most Comac publications are rated at one to two readers per copy, making them less attractive to advertisers who want to reach as many readers as possible.

At the same time that Comac is defending itself from attack, controlled-circulation business magazines remain a potent force. Fully 77 per cent of the trade and business titles published in Canada are controlled-circulation publications. Bruce Wright, assistant vice-president of Toronto-based Southern Communications Ltd., said that controlled-circulation business magazines flourish thanks to their highly selective market and are well suited to people holding specific positions in every company within a given industry. Currently, controlled-circulation business magazines account for about 28 per cent of all Canadian magazines with circulations of 100,000 or more per issue.

De Pencier: "Their loss would be like cutting an arm at the elbow of the industry." As for Comac itself, Gitting said. "We are proud of the cultural and marketing contribution we have made. We are continuing to publish our magazines." But because the survival of controlled-circulation consumer magazines depends on advertisers, the simple perception that they are a less reliable, cost-effective means of reaching a target audience could spell their demise. —SARAH FINE



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Banking in the world's top league

By Peter C. Newman

Stuck with governmental restraints designed to keep them out of the lucrative "universal services" business, Canada's Big Five banks are finding a way (other than breaking the interest of the Canadian laws by expanding their business abroad) in a way that would clearly be illegal in Canada.

The world banking business is exploding, with the institutions rapidly diversifying everywhere, it seems, except Canada. In a recent survey of international banking, the *London Financial Times* commented: "In places as different as the U.K., Finland and Japan, financial markets are being opened up. In just about every country where the law allows it, banks are expanding into new businesses, such as securities or insurance."

Canada's Big Five have been very much a part of this trend. These entirely legal—and highly profitable—diversifications were discussed recently when Orion, a subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Canada, purchased a major interest in Kites and Althoff, one of London's largest institutional investment houses. Its 27 partners, who include some of the city's most prestigious money men, are now working for Orion, and an application has just been filed with the Bank of England to allow the firm to deal in the "exotic" market—as the trade in U.K. government bonds is known. "We are doing overseas what we can't do in Canada," admits John Abell, Orion's reigning chairman and chief executive officer.

A graduate in geography from Oxford, Abell commenced in London from just outside Newbury in the English countryside. His father was a director of the Bank of England, and the young man spent 27 years with Wool Gandy where he rose to the vice-chairmanship, the Orion chief executive has become much more international than Canadian. "I am going to keep Orion in the top league of world banking," he told me during a recent visit to Canada, and he meant it.

Only two decades ago the Royal Bank was essentially a Canadian institution with a few branches abroad. Now, the Royal is an international bank based in Canada. (The Commerce is following suit with a bid for another London brokerage house, Grenfell and Co. & Co. The other Big Five banks all own merchant banking operations outside the country.)

Under Abell's able direction Orion has become one of the world's leading merchant banks. In 1984 it ranked sixth in the number of international bond issues it placed (\$29 billion), and in the first quarter of this year it topped the list as an originating syndicate according to the *International Financing Review*, with 141 new issues worth \$18.5 billion. (Ranking second was Credit Suisse/First Boston Corp. and third Swiss Banking Corp., Merrill Lynch and

of the world's most powerful banks (the Chase Manhattan, National Westminster, Credito Italiano, Mitsubishi and Westdeutsche Landesbank). Orion became a wholly owned subsidiary in 1980 when the Royal bought out its partners. Run by an unwieldy board of 40 directors, Orion manages a number of large offshore trusts and recently opened offices in Tokyo, New York and, at all places, Toronto (Orion does massive Eurodollar financing for Ottawa as well as 18 other governments.) The company's latest move is the founding of a new commercial bank with merchant banking capabilities in Australia, in partnership with the second-largest insurance company in the country, National Mutual Life Assurance.

Grand Styles, the Royal's senior executive vice-president in charge of international operations, claims that Orion did not get caught in some of the extrajurisdictional losses to Third World countries because its role is made to syndicate loans that flow from them. "The real pain for us," he says, "has been the exposure to the whole new world of international banking. Whatever happens in Canada in the current deregulation trend, deep down inside we believe that we can't prevent the inevitable from happening. At the same time, with relatively few flows of funds around the world, the distinction between domestic and foreign markets is disappearing. Orion gives the ability to respond to clients who want access to the international markets farmed by the new clients."

Equally significant is the fact that Orion has taken the Royal's title territory still forbidden to the chartered banks here. Federal Finance Minister Barbara McDougall's discussion paper released this spring called for the easing of regulations in the trust, brokerage and insurance business, while neglecting the major banks. But the Royal has not given up. Said Styles, "If, as and when the laws are changed in our favor, Orion will have provided us with a comfort level and knowledge of affiliated financial service companies which we would not otherwise have had."

The growth of international banking is about to get a major boost: the recent deregulation of Japanese banks is bound to set off another round of increased competition as the Tokyo money fraternity starts to apply the same unbridled tactics in other Japanese enterprises. All in all, Orion may well be the prototype of the Canadian bank of the future.



Abell at International Convention

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Two years ago Grace Springsteen, now 35, declared "Marriage isn't for me." But many of his friends here did not believe him—such as expecting that she could turn his head if only she had a chance to try. As word of the rock singer's marriage last week to 25-year-old model-actress Julianne Phillips spread among clatches of mothers, CBC's *Video File* host **Susanthe Taylor**, 27, who says she first saw Springsteen perform in 1975, declared, "I never thought he would marry." For her part, New York *Daily News* columnist "Suz" disclosed that a report of an early-morning, clandestine wedding on May 12 in Phillips' home town, Portland suburb Lake Oswego, Ore., was not true. But she was wrong. The deed had been done. The newly-wedded couple celebrated the union two days later at the Oregon Lake Country Club, dining on New York steaks and dancing to Springsteen's music. Said Taylor: "I thought he was too busy to form a relationship. But if it makes him happy, I'm happy—as long as he just keeps putting out the good music."



Phillips and Springsteen: I never thought he would marry

Celebrating her 11th birthday on May 21, Vancouver actress and Grade 3 student **Felicia Bak** says she has considered her future and decided to

Bak: staying at home with Dan Buks



keep her options open. Already a veteran of three movies, including Walt Disney's *Return to Oz*, in which she plays Dorothy, Bak says that acting is "fun" but she also likes singing, dancing and playing the violin. Adding that the "busiest" part of making movies is the people she has met and the worst part is "all the waiting around," Bak says she is looking forward to attending next month's premiere of *Return to Oz* in New York, but is relieved that her next acting assignment is an Expo 86 film, because it will allow her to stay home with her rabbit, Ben Bann, cats Valentina and Humphrey, and two birds.

Arts patron **John Firestone**, 32, returned last week to Ottawa from Rome, where he opened the exhibition *The Canadiana Landscapes* at the Palazzo Venezia, a 500-year-old landmark which was **Douglas Moss**'s headquarters during the 1870s and 1890s. The exhibit, from the Firestone Collection of 1,500 works bought by Firestone over a 20-year period which he donated in 1972 to the Ontario Heritage Foundation, is nearing the end of an 11-city, two-year tour of Europe arranged jointly by the foundation and the department of external affairs. Firestone said that he and his wife, **Burton Macdonald-Firestone**, "acted as unofficial ambassadors of the

arts" during the tour, which included stops in London, Madrid, Paris, Athens, Rome, Belgrade and Lisbon. He added that gallery visitors were "fascinated" with the collection, which included paintings by artists who are or had been Firestone's personal friends: A.Y. Jackson, Alfred Pellan, Jack Snowball and Jean-Paul Lemieux. The exhibition's catalogue was available in seven languages, and Firestone, a former economist, professor and government adviser, said that he needed help with his introductory remarks. **Sud Firestone**: "Opened the exhibition in Rome speaking Italian for five minutes after a one-hour lesson at the embassy

—to the great amusement of the audience."

Dashing handsome **Prince Andrew**, 25, a Falklands War veteran and the delight of London's tabloids since he started dating at 15, is scheduled to be in Canada from June 28 to July 1 at the invitation of Prime Minister **Brian Mulroney**. But the prince will not be subjected to trooping around Ottawa. His primary function is to high-light bi-centennial celebrations in both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, where he will visit Fredericton, Saint John, Sussex, Cape Breton, Sydney, Halifax, Dartmouth and the Annapolis Valley area. His itinerary also includes an official function in Peterborough, Ont., located a convenient 10 km from Lakeside, where he attended high school in 1977 for six months. After opening an activity centre and dedicating a unique lift lock on the Trent Canal as a national historic site, Andrew will stop off at Lakeside for a private slush. Bearded slush he started a five-month Royal Navy tour of duty in the Falklands in February, the *Sentinel*, when British officers gleefully refer to an "Andy Andy," should now be ready for a little fun. He has been aboard the *Prince Brasen*, patrolling around the Falklands.



Prince Andrew: trooping

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A mean season for allergy sufferers

By Glen Allen

The daily battle with the environment begins at dawn for Sharon Van Goyen, a 43-year-old printing plant owner in Richmond, B.C. She wakes up with a headache, a runny nose, itchy throat and other symptoms of a respiratory system under stress. Van Goyen is among the 3.5 million Canadians who are allergic to tree and grass pollen in the spring and summer, and she also belongs to a smaller group of sufferers who have adverse reactions to other natural and man-made substances all year round. For sufferers like Van Goyen, day, many weather means only increased misery, turning life into a jail sentence that seems to "last forever."

Across Canada, indeed anywhere there are forests and grasslands, spring is a busy season for doctors specializing in allergy treatments, but it is a wheezing, sniffing hell for their patients. Doctors allergist Dr. Lawrence Rosen said that 1984 "was the worst for tree pollen in 30 years in Ontario, and it looks as if this year is going to be worse." The result is rhinitis, commonly known as hay fever, an ailment that in simple terms is a war between the victim's immune system and invading allergens. The temperature rises in available—in the form of pollen, an irritant substance which has been added to the equation in Canada under the brand-name Helidex for the past two years.

Without other antihistamines, beta-blockers, sedative nasal passages without inducing drowsiness. Although some allergists predict that a cure for ordinary hay fever is less than five years away, doctors specializing in allergy treatment report an increase in patients complaining of adverse reactions to man-made substances. In fact, Bruce Daughlin, executive director of the Allergy Information Association of Canada, a self-help group with 10 branches across the country, says that sufferers effectively provide advance warning of health hazards in an environment increasingly crowded with man-made chemicals.

Van Goyen knows that she is also allergic to dust, cats, peas, feathers and household cleaning fluids. Other victims have reactions to many foods, synthetic materials, tap water, drugs and chemicals, as well as pollen. They trace their misery to such innocuous items as Christmas trees, paper money and plastic air fresheners, toothpaste and per-



Van Goyen: runny nose and itchy throat breathing caused by pollen and synthetic materials

fumes. A few sufferers, including 20-year-old Sandra Strang of Oshawa, Ont., are so sensitive to their surroundings that even telephone, carpets and other people induce illness. Her condition, known as EDS-Environmental Disease, or Environmental Illness, forces Strang to live her entire life in a single room in her

parents' home, drink purified water imported from the United States and eat such foods as beef and potatoes only after she has received injections to reduce her sensitivity to certain proteins.

Strang is one of a handful of Canadians whom Daughlin describes as totally allergic, but victims with less severe conditions often adapt to their ailments by simply avoiding the substances triggering the reaction. One of them, Melissa Kornat, a 30-year-old Toronto receptionist who moved from Winnipeg two months ago, became sick after drinking filtered Toronto tap water. "It felt like a knife going through my stomach." Her solution, a \$600 water purifier.

Not victims with multiple allergies complain that many physicians do not take their condition seriously. As a result, many sufferers seek out one of 300 chelated allergists across Canada. They are licensed physicians specializing in environmental diseases, taking exhaustive case histories from their patients in an attempt to isolate the substances causing the reactions. The doctors say they are convinced that allergies are a genuine health problem, they have seen some patients lose their jobs and experience marriage breakdowns.

Still, there are signs that sufferers are finally receiving serious attention

Rosen: "the worst year for tree pollen"



For one thing, the Ontario, Ont. board of education is building an ivy-free classroom for 10 children who otherwise would have to stay at home, and the Toronto Board of Education is considering a similar step. And last January the Ontario government appointed prominent court Judge George M. Thomson chairman of an environmental sensitivity review committee to study the modern disease. As part of its mandate the five-member committee must decide if the provincial health care plan should cover the costs of treating allergies—a real concern for sufferers whose is a clinical ecologist's diagnosis and treatment can cost as much as \$400.

The Toronto-based Allergy Information Association welcomes these developments, and Daughlin plans to testify before the Thomson committee. Declared Daughlin: "Allergies have finally come out of the closet." She added that 35 years ago doctors described her as misdiagnosed because of her allergies to some foods and cosmetics. At the time she also had difficulty convincing physicians that allergies were causing her daughter's erratic behavior—until the baby had a violent reaction to cow's milk. Indeed, Daughlin describes the field of allergy treatment as a battleground between traditional allergists and chemical ecologists.

Dr. Barry Zimmerman, an allergist at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, agreed that traditional medicine has paid little attention to chronic allergy sufferers. Said Zimmerman: "Unorthodox practices have risen in to fill the void." But Dr. John Rink, a specialist in internal medicine who works as a clinical ecologist in Guelph, Ont., says growing numbers of people are reacting to new man-made compounds in an already polluted environment.

Rink describes those reactions as intolerances, using the term "allergy" only for such acknowledged allergies as pollen, dust, mold and some foods. Believers do not understand why they cause adverse reactions. But their effects are visible, and clinical ecologists insist their treatment methods work. It is, said Rink, "simply the untangling of things that are dragging the patient down."

Daughlin compares multiple-allergy victims to the canaries once used as poison gas detectors in 19th-century coal mines: if the canaries died, the miners staged out. Similarly, allergy victims may be signaling dangers that threaten everyone. But the ecologist offers little comfort to Richardson's Van Goyen, who now suspects that she may be developing an intolerance to the ink used in the family printing business. She would prefer a cure.

With Paul Derrin

Testing donors for AIDS

After the Canadian Red Cross confirmed last week that two Vancouver-area men had died of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome earlier than year after receiving transfusions of blood infected with the AIDS-associated virus, officials across the country moved quickly to assure other blood recipients that the risk of contracting the disease through contaminated blood is slight. Said Dr. Al-



Dr. Alvin Derick: "The risk of contaminated blood is slight"

son during cardiac surgery two years ago. "Almost certainly I died of an AIDS-related virus contracted from the blood transfusion," according to Dr. John Derick, an adviser on blood to the Red Cross. Society officials in British Columbia, who mistakenly announced that a child named died in a Vancouver hospital after receiving an AIDS-infected transfusion, are now attempting to trace the donors of the contaminated blood through computerized records. But, said Derick, donors whose blood is found to contain anti-HIV will not be prosecuted immediately because of concerns about the significance of the test results.

The test is controversial because it remains only the presence of antibodies, which indicates that the body has been exposed to the virus but does not pinpoint the virus itself. And because most people who have antibodies in their blood display no symptoms of AIDS, Red Cross officials are reluctant to alert donors. They can still pass on the disease through transfusion, however. So far, 132 of the more than 18,000 U.S. victims of the incurable, fatal disease contracted it through transfusion of contaminated blood. Canadian authorities have identified more than 225 AIDS victims, most of them young homosexual or bisexual men, over half of whom have already died.

Manitoba applied the new Red Cross testing program, but he said he is concerned that it might not identify all contaminated blood and he wants the Red Cross to accept only women donors—who are rarely at risk.

Manitoba: a growing risk of contaminated blood

Clayton, director general of the Laboratory Centre for Disease Control in Ottawa. "Two million cases out of 24 million blood donations in the past three years is not bad odds." Red Cross officials announced intensified efforts to eliminate high-risk donors from giving blood and plans to introduce a program to test all donated blood by mid-August. But some experts demand even stricter controls. Said William Mindel, a director of the Ontario chapter of the Canadian Hemophilia Society. "The odds are slight, but that does not mean that they cannot be further reduced."

The unidentified Vancouver victims—one received massive transfusions from as many as 800 donors in late 1981 following severe burns and the other, a young man, received blood from 77 do-

donors in areas where AIDS cases are most prevalent. Mindel, whose three-year-old son suffers from hemophilia, also wants the Red Cross to develop a bank of screened, selected donors to provide blood for Factor VIII, a clotting component vital to the control of hemophilia. As many as 300 donors a year are required to provide Factor VIII to a child under age 4, and, as a result, hemophiliacs stand a 1-in-300 chance of contracting AIDS. That fact alone, said Mindel, is "a tremendous reason the Red Cross to reassess its current policy of recruiting donors from the population at large." They have put all of their eggs in one basket—the blood testing program, he said. "And when so many lives are at stake, one basket is simply not enough."

—ANN FRANKLIN

Freeing a convicted rapist

Millions of TV viewers in the United States and Canada watched an amusement last week as a dark-haired woman and a blond man with a mustache chatted amiably, live on NBC's Today show, about an ABC's Good Morning America. At the end of their three-minute appearance, on CBS's Morning News, 20-year-old Cathleen Crowell Webb and Gary Detson, 28, shook hands. Their friendly demeanor added another twist to a sad and violent story that began eight years ago. At the time, Webb identified Detson as the man who had raped her in a wooded section of suburban Chicago. But last March Webb recanted, declaring that she had fabricated evidence that sent Detson to prison in 1975 for six years as 10 years. After conducting a three-day hearing that ended May 11, Illinois Gov. James Thompson freed Detson by commuting his jail sentence to the six years already served. But the governor ruled that Detson had in fact committed the crime. Declared Thompson: "If anything, the evidence at the hearing was even stronger than at the trial."



Webb, Detson: 'rape,' then reconciliation

The bizarre affair began on the evening of July 9, 1973, when police picked up a bruised and bleeding Webb, then 16. Webb told police that she had been raped. From police photographs she identified Detson, a resident of nearby Country Club Hills, as her assailant. Webb's testimony was so convincing that in 1978 Cook County circuit court Judge Richard Samuels sentenced Detson to 25 to 90 years in prison for rape and aggravated kidnapping. But last March Webb, now a born-again Christian, filed an affidavit in the Cook County state attorney's office in which she swore that she had made up the rape story because she feared that sex with a boyfriend had made her pregnant. She added that her injuries had been self-inflicted and that she had identified Detson from the police photographs because he so closely resembled her make-up description.

Three days later she repeated her confession on the Today program, inspiring a wave of popular support for Detson. On April 4, state officials released Detson from the Joliet Correctional Institute—only to return him there when Samuels ruled at a hearing on April 11 that Webb's recantation was a lie. But the public outcry spurred Thompson, a former federal prosecutor, to order a special three-day hearing before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board, over which he presided. Although Webb and Detson repeated their pretestimonies that Detson was innocent, many of the 24 witnesses who appeared before the board only highlighted inconsistencies in Webb's story. For one thing, her former boyfriend testified that because the two had never completed the sex act, Webb had no reason to fear pregnancy. As well, her foster parents swore they repeatedly assured her that she could drop the case at any time and that neither they nor police pressured her to prosecute.

Now, Webb has vowed to help Detson clear his name. Said Detson, who is seeking a new trial: "I still have a felony on my record—I can't leave it alone." But the implications of the case go well beyond the question of one man's guilt or innocence. The racism, prosecutors and rape counselors across the United States are now worried that Webb's recantation may prejudice judges and juries against rape victims. Declared Julie Hanson, assistant state's attorney: "I am worried it will affect how the public sees rape victims." Added Barbara Engel, director of women's services at Chicago's WIC: "A number of the victims we serve years ago are re-experiencing trauma symptoms. Many feel attacked by the coverage and that their friends and family are more skeptical now." —PAT WILKINSON in Chicago

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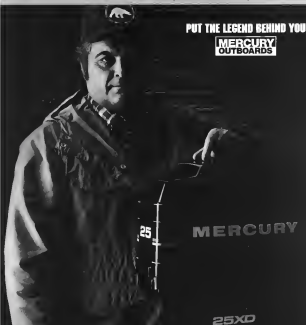
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Edmonton's quest for a second Cup

By Hal Quinn

After seven months, 840 regular season and 65 playoff games, this week the National Hockey League finally got down to deciding its champion. And despite the interminable postseason action, involving all but five of the NHL's 28 franchises, the two finalists—the Edmonton Oilers and the Philadelphia Flyers—managed to complete the 92-year-old Stanley Cup. The best-of-seven final series may be compelling enough that fans will overlook the fact that the boys of winter are still playing in late spring. For the league's sake it had better be gripping. As Oilers superstar Wayne Gretzky said last week, "This season is just too long. It's pretty hard to keep people interested in hockey in May."

But the Cup final has the ingredients to be one of the most entertaining of the year. The Oilers are the defending champions after dethroning the New York Islanders last spring. The Flyers, the youngest team in the six, finished first in the regular schedule with 113 points to the Oilers' 109. But despite Philadelphia's victories in all three encounters with

Edmonton this season, most observers predict that the Oilers will win their second Cup in a now *Saturday* analyst and former coach of the Boston Bruins Don Cherry "I'd have to pick a team to go all the way, and I had first pick, the Oilers would be my bet."

After slumping badly at the conclusion of the regular season, the Oilers demonstrated in the playoffs why they have become the dominant team in the NHL. Including three wins in last year's final, the Oilers ran up a record 12 consecutive playoff victories. And in eliminating the Chicago Black Hawks last week, the Oilers scored a record 44 goals in the six games. Forward Jari Kurri scored 18 times, just one shy of the playoff record, and by scoring at least three goals in consecutive games he matched a playoff first last accomplish-

ed in 1994. And Kurri's four three-point games during the playoffs set another playoff record.

Meanwhile, Gretzky collected a record 14 assists in the Oilers series, and Paul Coffey had 36 points, to tie the playoff record for a defenseman. Coffey, 34, also tied Bobby Orr's mark of nine goals in a playoff year and is just two

goals from setting a record. With outstanding Swedish goaltender Pelle Lindbergh, the Philadelphia back line will pose the severest test of the season for the high-scoring Oilers. The Flyers' forward lines, led by Brian Propp, Peter Zentil and Uwe Pöhlke, are fast-shooting units which have embraced the disciplined system of coach Mike Keenan.



Gretzky: Oilers are favored to win but the Philadelphia Flyers will provide "an interesting matchup"

short of the former Boston Bruins' assist record of 18. Coffey is often compared to the legendary Orr, but he dismisses the comparison. Said Coffey: "There is only one Bobby Orr. If somebody sees even the slightest similarities between myself and Orr then I am happy."

In addition to the record-setters, there were outstanding performances by forwards Mark Messier and Glenn Anderson, the goaltending by Grant Fuhr and exceptional defense by Randy Gregg and Kevin Lowe. While the Oilers boast the superstars, the Flyers are a collection of no-names, with the exception of Mark Howe. The 29-year-old son of the incomparable Gordie Howe has developed into one of the game's best defensemen. Howe anchors a solid defense corps, including Brad March and

The 25-year-old rookie coach, and general manager Bobby Clarke, who was the heart and soul of the Flyers in the 1970s, have assembled an excellent team that lost only once in 36 games at home this season. Reflecting his cowboy style, Keenan, named the 1986 coach of the year by *The Hockey News*, said "We are looking forward to playing Edmonton. It will be an interesting matchup."

The Flyers have not won the Cup in 16 years. The Clarke-led team that won back-to-back championships in 1974 and 1975 was known, because of its bellicose play, as the Broad Street Bullies. This year's edition, whose hallmark is finesse and speed, will provide a challenging match for the Oilers, even if they are the underdogs.

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A bearish movie with bullish results



Scene from *The Care Bears Movie* are also helping to become a major film company

By Ann Wasmley

In the past 24 years, the originality and special-effects wizardry of Nelvana Ltd. have made it one of North America's seven major animation houses. Still, the Toronto studio—best known for award-winning animated television specials including *Cornet Christmas* as well as *The Edison Project*, a live-action adventure series for teens—reportedly found itself on the brink of bankruptcy. In 1983 Nelvana's three partners had to take out a \$1-million debenture. But now, Patrick LeBeau, Michael Elshah and Chris Smith have achieved financial success with their \$4-million production, *The Care Bears Movie*, which has grossed \$20 million in North America since it opened eight weeks ago. And in September, Nelvana will make its U.S. network debut on ABC with two new cartoon series, *Droids* and *Beetnik*, made for Locust Hill of Star Wars fame. Bob Leshner: "We came pretty close to losing the company, but now *Care Bears* has given us some credibility."

The success of *Care Bears* was critical to Nelvana after an \$18.5-million movie, *Ring of Power*, caused the company's near-collapse in 1983. More than three years in the making, the futuristic rock 'n' roll film employed more than 300 animators. But the science-fiction story—about a malevolent musician manipulating Rick Jagger—was not sophisticated

enough for its targeted teen audience. Although the CBC aired *Ring of Power* two months ago and Embassy Home Entertainment will distribute it as a video cassette, Leshner says he does not expect it to touch the big screen.

Care Bears, based on the stuffed toys that have become a \$500-million-a-year bonanza for the American Greetings Corp. of Cleveland, Ohio, was an attempt to move product. Said Smith: "Care Bears was a premeditated idea. Kids would arrive at the theatre carrying their bears." Nelvana was the first company to propose the idea, but it had to compete with other leading animation studios before winning a contract from

Those Characters from Cleveland, the American Greetings Corp. division that handles *Care Bears* licensing and merchandising. Nailed Harvey Levin, Those Characters' vice-president of entertainment productions: "Nelvana had done half-hour specials for us on the Strawberry Shortcake doll, and in some instances their capabilities surpassed Disney quality." Once the film was completed its distributors, recognizing the dearth of feature films for children, released it

in nearly 1,100 North American theatres—an unprecedented exposure for an animation film.

The plot of *Care Bears* revolves around the attempt by 36 *Care Bears* and 10 *Care Bear* cubs to reform a magical assistant who has evolved an evil spell that spreads discord throughout the world. The bears eventually succeed by using the "Care Bear stars," a cascade of curing emotions. Many critics claimed that the movie was too saccharine, even for children, or that it was no more than a 15-minute commercial. Indeed, six of the 10 *Care Bears* Countries will appear in Canada next month as 30¢ plush toys. Still, ticket sales have exceeded all expectations in several cases: children cried when long theatre lines prevented them from seeing the movie. Said Edward Hansen, Walt Disney Studios' vice-president of animation, administration and production: "Nelvana has proven that pure, wholesome entertainment for the 3-to-10 age group can be successful."

While showcasing Nelvana's special effects, *Care Bears* is a cornerstone in Nelvana's strategy to grow into a major Canadian film company generating motion pictures, prime-time animation and live-action series. Nelvana is now the prime candidate for a sequel to *Care Bears* for release in 1986. And the company is exploring original feature ideas that will please the voracious children's animation market. Nelvana is also working on another 36 *The Edison Project* episode. According to its production executive Nida Haseen, network officials are now considering broadening *The Edison Project*'s audience by moving it to a pre-Disney time slot. As well, the studio has completed a five-part science-fiction comedy pilot called *Robot Boy* starring SCTV's Dave Thomas.

To meet the increasingly hectic schedule, the company has grown by 30 employees in the past six months. But Leshner said that, since *Ring of Power*, Nelvana has been careful about overextending the company again. Added Leshner: "We are aiming at staying in business." After *The Care Bears Movie*, that concern should no longer impede Nelvana's creative energy. ☐

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Humor on the range

RUSTLER'S RHAPSODY
Directed by Hugh Wilson

Rustler's Rhapsody, a spoof of cowboy movies, has a charming gentleness that is rare in modern screen comedy. Writer and director Hugh Wilson (Police Academy) has an incredible affection for the clichés that he is lampooning: his movie is likable even in the rare moments when the humor flags. The film opens with a black-and-white clip of the barn, Ben O'Hair (has Tom Berenger), an actor reminiscent of Gene Autry and Roy Rogers and apparently playing a singing cowboy in a 1930s movie. Suddenly, the screen turns in color, and Ben is transported to a world in which all the stock characters of the style—including Ben himself—are parodied. Typically, Ben is goodness personified, but he is not above enjoying a masochistic visit at his campfire. The bad guys include a cattle barn, a Col. Townsend (Andy Griffith), who is effeminate and fancies his ranch hands. Wilson has included practically every stereotype—and spends each one beautifully.

In his typical blue-and-white cowboy outfit, Ben is an innocent in wild situations. When he goes to a saloon he asks for a glass of milk. Told that it is a tough bar, he switches his order to a large glass of warm gin with a human hair in it. Predictably, Ben meets the town drunk, Peter (G.W. Bailey). Suddenly Peter becomes his alcoholic traveling buddy. As Rustler's Rhapsody builds to the inevitable showdown, Ben meets the rest of the classic cast, which includes the town's loose woman, Miss Tracy (Barbra Streisand). When Townsend dispatches Ben men to kill Rex, the hero confides to Peter that all western towns are identical, with the same people, the same conflicts and the same triumph of good over evil. He says that it has become a little tedious, but adds with resignation, "Gee, it's just my karma."

The film continues in its own unique style. When Rex has to fend off a crowd of gun-toting desperados, he has his palmer perform a deliberately funny dance. Refused, the attackers drop their guns and applaud like children at a circus. Berenger's performance is a deliciously deadpan, giving the film a genuine cheeky grace. Rustler's Rhapsody is a clever, delightful comedy and one that changes

—LOVINE O'TOOLE



Hewitt, amid stiff competition, a winning piano performance of Bach and Liszt

MUSIC

A triumphant arrival

The victory was the crowning achievement of an already illustrious career. On May 11, Canadian pianist Angela Hewitt emerged from 11 days of grueling performances and stood before a cheering audience in Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall as the winner of the 1986 International Bach Piano Competition. With 15 music critics from around the world in attendance, the grand final with full orchestra featured four outstanding young giants—one from Europe, two from North America. At stake was a ready-made career in music, a world concert tour, a solo debut album as the renowned Deutsche Grammophon label—and \$16,000 in first-prize money. And stiff competition, the 30-member jury, one of the most distinguished and globally representative ever assembled for such a contest, awarded Hewitt first prize. Said Costa Pinowach, music director of the National Arts Centre: "Angela won because she showed style, control, freshness and imagination."

For the 26-year-old Ottawa-born Hewitt, it was a far cry from her first piano award, when she won \$100 for a three-minute performance at the Quebec Music Festival at the age of 5. Her early teachers were her pianist mother, Marian, and her father, Godfrey, who was once the organist to the archbishop of Canterbury. Although Hewitt also studied violin and classical ballet, piano was out and in 1978 she left to study in

Paris. Despite having won international competitions on five other occasions, Hewitt, who now lives in London, says she considers her latest triumph by far the most thrilling.

To win first prize, Hewitt had to defeat some formidable opposition. The jurors sat through more than 80 hours of performances by 32 other competitors before deciding on four finalists. Like one of her main opponents, Soviet pianist Eugene Kovdon, Hewitt had shrewdly and boldly chosen to include in her semifinal program a piece by French composer Olivier Messiaen, who sat on the jury. For the final, which drew well over 500, Hewitt selected Liszt's extravagant "Les préludes," one of the "most Lisztian" pieces, she said, but also selected to bring the house down. "It did in the end Hewitt's wide range of selections and her vivid performance gave her the edge over her closest rival, Konstantin Scherbinin of West Germany.

With that dramatic and important victory behind her, Hewitt has become the subject of lofty predictions. Said Nicholas Goldschmidt, director of the orchestra competition: "Angela has not only come of age, her whole career has been launched." In fact, Hewitt's concert work began immediately, as she was named last week to perform at Ontario's Guelph Spring Festival on May 16. The world of music now has a new star in its firmament.

—JOHN PEARCE, with Peter Giffen

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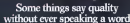
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MARKETING

A battle over breakfast

By Sherri Aikenhead

For decades Canadians have been trained in the belief that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Now, the meal that has always been more of a chore than a pleasure is fast becoming a fad. Twelve years after the launch of the first commercial cereal in the United States—where current Hunger King commercials claim that the "Cinnamon" was "the stuff" out of Egg McWhiff's—Canadian fast-food chains are aggressively pursuing the breakfast market. The new "breakfast" strategy's latest marketing battle will soon add a new feature to the familiar parental exhortations to "eat your breakfast."

The coming dilemma: whether to redevelop a standard-issue Egg McWhiff's or to create a new breakfast cereal. At Wendy's, assistant manager Roger King Cinnamon—who is the "world's biggest, best breakfast buffet" at the Funderosa Steak House. Said Jay Peters, Wendy's vice-president of marketing: "There is a lot of talk about this to develop a new breakfast."

Eating breakfast out is not new phenomenon. But until 1970, when McDonald's introduced its Egg McMuffin to Canada, it was fall-service restaurants that catered to the breakfast market, which now represents 11 per cent of Canada's \$17.6-billion restaurant business. Since then, fast-food franchise owners have been scrambling for a better way of helping Americans and Canadians only completed a seven-year national advertising campaign to launch the Crossbar/Wick—a crossover roll with sandwich fillings. Company spokesmen say that they hope to increase breakfast sales to 20 per cent of total sales—\$147 million in 1984—this year. Declared Bruce R. Harris, director of marketing for "Breakfast in the U.S.A.," "The part of the day, on the main line, is the most important."

Indians, says a spokesman for the more than 400 restaurants in the area. One reason working women no longer have the time or the desire to cook morning meals for themselves or their families. As well, the physical fitness trend has resulted in a large share of the 20- to 35-year-old age group—the largest segment of the market—sobering or skipping the most important meal of the day. Said Roy Haddad, executive director of the Ontario Restaurant Association: "Maybe people are stress-conscious, or maybe they really intend to what their mothers told them, but there is a trend toward breakfast."



Working at McDonald's: Increased sales

Breakfast also provides restaurants with the best opportunity for extra profits. Instead of serving coffee and french toast—a typical McDonald's franchise now costs \$450,000—chains can increase volume by offering breakfast. Said Haddad: "It is certainly the best area for increasing sales right now, and it is most feasible for the fast-food chains." Indeed, a novel product is the best marketing edge. Wendy's, for one, will introduce its line of cereals this summer. And Ponderosa Steak House eight months ago began testing what it advertised in the scrum's biggest and best magazine, *Food*—a 30-day-lims spread with every item on the menu made from fruit—to be available at 60 outlets each this summer.

For its part, McDonald's, still number 1 in fast-food breakfast sales, has launched no new breakfast products since introducing a sausage version of the Egg McMuffin a year ago. But the company is obviously banking on its image as the granddaddy of fast-food breakfast. With commercials that are soft and sentimental—shots of the sun-rise and a sample "McDonald's is a great place to start your day" jingle—executives say that the company will continue to thrive. Added Peter Rosenthal, assistant vice-president of marketing: "There is still only one place you can buy an Egg McMuffin." ☺

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Chemistry and abortion

Many people cannot reconcile the moral dilemma that underlies the abortion debate. But researchers and family planning advocates have traditionally favoured technology that would leave the dead-foetus—especially a means of ending pregnancy shortly after conception

takes place. So far, however, the only available substances are estrogen-based "morning-after pills" and powerful gonadotropin hormones, both of which have serious side-effects, including nausea, diarrhea and phlebitis. Now, two international drug companies, Sterling Drug Inc. of New York City and Roussel

Uclaf of Paris, have developed a chemical alternative to surgical abortion which women could take for a few days once a month to bring on normal menstruation and end a pregnancy. Said Richard Lenz, senior vice-president of the Alton Ostermeyer Institute in New York, which specializes in family planning research: "Since a woman would take the pills before any diagnosable pregnancy, they might very well have the potential to ease the abortion controversy."

Unlike progesterone, Sterling's epoxide and Roussel's RU-486 are both steroids which work by interfering with the action of the natural hormone progesterone. That hormone effectively prepares the uterine wall for implantation and maintenance of a fertilized egg. Spontane inhibits the formation of the hormone, while RU-486 blocks its action by displacing it at receptor sites in the uterus. The drug can either prevent implantation or it upsets the discharge of an already implanted egg. Tests in Europe have shown that spontane has a 90-per-cent effectiveness rate in ending pregnancies, according to spokesman Teresa Kelley, who added that company scientists predict a 90-per-cent rate with refined dosages. And Dr. Dennis Stoupe of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, who has been testing RU-486, reports an 80-per-cent success rate on 40 patients. No tests have reported serious side effects from either drug.

Both drugs will have to undergo much more testing before they are approved for sale in the United States, and neither company has established a timetable for bringing them to market. As well, it is likely that the drugs will have to clear legal as well as regulatory hurdles, according to Jean Satter, information officer for Health and Welfare Canada. Rod Satter: "The government would need a legal ruling on whether the drug is permitted under Canada's abortion law, even for testing."

As well, there is no guarantee that either drug will ultimately be used to prevent pregnancy, although both are designed, at least in part, for that purpose. Sterling's Kelley said that spontane would be marketed mostly to regulate menstruation and in end uterine pregnancies, a condition in which an egg implants itself outside the womb and which currently requires surgery to correct. And although he says he hopes to research the effects of RU-486 as a menstrual regulator in nonpregnant women, Dr. Albert Yuzpe, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Western Ontario in London, opposes promotion of the drug for birth control. Said Yuzpe: "Developing a method that causes abortion is not a worldwide popular item."

—KEVIN BLACK

Conflict in the cosmos

THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH: A POLITICAL HISTORY OF THE SPACE AGE

By Walter A. McDougall
Oxford University Press
\$15 paper, \$37.50

Walter McDougall was preoccupied with earthly concerns when the first man landed on the moon. As the American spacecraft Apollo 11 touched down on lunar soil on July 20, 1969, he was in charge of the artillery in a "particularly nasty" South Vietnamese jungle base. Never a rocket buff, he had regarded the U.S. Space Program as little more than "the government's equivalent of a Postage 30's." But studying the politics of space exploration as a historian at the University of California in 1977, McDougall began to draw links between cosmic conquest and such man-made worldly events as the Vietnam War. His research has yielded a scholarly masterpiece. *The Heavens and the Earth* is the most comprehensive, impassioned and often troubling account of the raging superpower



Astronaut Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin Jr. walks

rivalry for leadership in space. The exhaustively researched book explains the contours of the space age, inaugurated in 1957 with the Soviet launch of Sputnik, the first man-made satellite. Though McDougall's eyes cast primitive orb, the size of a large beach ball, taken on almost mythical significance. He makes a convincing case that Sputnik's launching was the background music behind dramatic transformations in U.S. society, government and military policy. Once the diminutive satellite was in orbit, Americans were struck with an acute sense of vulnerability to what they perceived as an implacable, ruthless enemy. Meanwhile, their confidence in the achievable, posed as President Dwight D. Eisenhower was deeply eroded.

During the next six years, as the presidency passed from the Republican Eisenhower to Democrat John F. Kennedy, the United States furiously attempted to challenge Soviet superiority in space. The government greatly increased spending on education, space technology and weaponry. McDougall argues convincingly that the "military-industrial complex" Eisenhower had warned about in his 1961 farewell address had become an entrenched fixture of American life. The same logic that underpinned the country's growing involvement in space and nuclear weapons



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The American military's over-reaction to Sputnik left the Soviets far behind in the arms race. As a senator, Kennedy had pilloried the Republican administration for lagging in space and allowing a "missile gap" to open in favor of the Soviets. In reality, Khrushchev had vigorously developed missiles and no gap existed. Kennedy, once elected and informed of the true weakness of the Soviet Union's missile force, still proceeded with a massive buildup of missiles and nuclear weapons.

By stockpiling weaponry, Kennedy may have encouraged Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev's desperate attempt to deploy missiles in Cuba and equalize the balance in 1962. But Washington detected Khrushchev's tactic before the Soviet missiles were activated, and American superiority forced a hasty Russian retreat. That debacle emboldened bravely to Khrushchev's political demise, to Moscow's break with Peking and to its determined drive for nuclear parity, if not superiority, over mine.

McDonough's analysis of the deadly dialectic played out in the first years of the missile race may be the best yet published. But there is much more to *The Heavens and the Earth* than that critical episode. The chapters on the links between Communism, ideology and technological development are fascinating. The Soviets seized on Sputnik and their manned flights in orbit as proof of the superiority of Communism. When a U.S. satellite exploded on the tarmac in 1967 the Kremlin delegates to the United Nations gleefully offered aid to their "underdeveloped" rival.

The Heavens and the Earth is occasionally dense and repetitious, but the language is mostly rich—a space shot is a "colossal horse race." McDonough's clear pride in American space achievement and blunt contempt for Communist politics may rattle some readers, but he asserts neither U.S. innocence nor total Soviet evil. His analysis of superpower rivalry offers no comfort to those who believe that the U.S.S.R. will sit passively while President Ronald Reagan's Star Wars program unfolds. *The Heavens and the Earth* provides overwhelming evidence that neither superpower will allow itself to fall decisively behind the other in the high frontier of space. —LENN GROSS

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Jack McClelland returns to the helm

By Shona McKay

Bathed in light from chandeliers and the music of a pianist playing Vivaldi, members of the Canadian publishing world assembled in an



McClelland, McKnight (below): Ambivalence and skepticism in a 70-year-old firm

opulent Toronto ballroom last week. They were there to pay homage to Ann Ireland, 81, the 1986 recipient of the \$50,000 Seal Beika novel award that Ireland faced herself overshadowed in the spotlight by her secret, Jack McClelland, principal shareholder in both Seal Books and McClelland and Stewart and one of the senior members of the Canadian literary scene. Earlier that day the board of directors had disclosed that the thirteenth 82-year-old McClelland, who had retired as MAS president three years ago, had been re-appointed to the position.

The surprise announcement was only the latest manifestation of the turbulence that has recently convulsed MAS. Two weeks ago internal quarrels at the 70-year-old firm became public knowledge after the Toronto *Globe* and *Mail* carried a front-page story about the resignation of Linda McKnight, 48, president and publisher for the past three years. The *Globe* said McKnight had resigned in principle, alleging that McClelland—without her knowledge—had made tentative deals with Janet Turnbull, vice-president and publisher of Seal Books, to sell the rights to the

works of many of MAS's biggest-selling authors including Margaret Atwood and Purley Meent. McKnight said that proposal would financially benefit Seal at the expense of the already ailing MAS.

The resignation of Linda McKnight, 48, president and publisher for the past three years, was announced last week. She had been re-appointed to the position.

The circumstances surrounding McKnight's departure became more controversial when it became clear that intervention for the sequel had come from a message officer of her son, David Meent. Linda's resignation was sent only to members of the executive board. One of them had to have leaked it.

Although McKnight refused to comment on the story, both Turnbull and McClelland quickly denied the allegations. Said Turnbull: "I had compiled a report that dealt with the past authors we already have paperback rights to, and was then came up for renewal. It was not an offer." Added McClelland: "The story is without foundation. Linda resigned because she felt I was personally interfering in the company. But I have never right to interfere when I feel I must."

Despite the details, MAS's troubles escalated as the executive shakeup

sparked concern about the company's financial situation. Within the industry, speculation abounded that despite \$20 million in aid from the Ontario government and a further \$1 million from private investors last September, MAS was operating on borrowed time. But McClelland said that contrary to a *Globe* report that MAS was expected to lose \$500,000 this year, the company was anticipating a profit. He also said that it would be rejuvenated by new blood in the executive ranks. Along with McClelland's return to the presidency, the MAS board announced the appointment of David Macdonald, formerly accounting manager and assistant treasurer of McGraw-Hill-Ryanair and controller of Gage Publishing, as chief financial officer, and Peter Walcott, former president of Penguin Books Canada, as executive vice-president.

The ongoing flurry of unfavorable publicity led some mass observers to wonder whether the company and, particularly, McClelland were the victims of a conspiracy to take over the firm. Key Publishers Inc. and another Toronto publishing company, C. Media Ltd., under a gentlemen's agreement with McClelland, have first rights to McClelland's MAS shares should be made to sell. Said Key president Michael de Pencier: "Part of the source of any publishing house is the belief among creditors and authors that the company will carry on. So it may be that there are people out there who are trying to make MAS look bad."

One board member, who described the meeting during which McClelland was appointed president as "unhappy," added: "I am not content to experience sales and marketing problems. Jack McClelland will have to make some fundamental decisions." But McClelland said his recent troubles could be seen in an advantageous light. "Why, wouldn't he be satisfied?" he declared. "Here we are putting the attention that is usually reserved for suspense/love stories and murders."



McCutley, Molloy, Mullin: surviving a tangle of new spots in Canadian culture

THEATRE

Legacy of a mystic rebel

BEYOND BATOCHE

By Rex Devereil

Directed by Ken Kneass

Writing plays to mark an anniversary is a common exercise that can mean more than the imagination alone. But in 1985, the 100th anniversary of the Métis rebellion under Louis Riel, Regina's *Globe Theatre* and its playwright-in-residence, Rex Devereil, felt that such a significant event deserved their attention. He has chosen to analyze in books and on stage, Riel gets an unusual treatment in the *Globe* production of *Beyoncé*, currently playing at Ottawa's National Arts Centre. In an intriguing blend of complex ideas, subtle wit and stirring baritone, Devereil examines how modern-day descendants of the Métis and their enemies deal with Riel's legacy.

In two fast-paced hours, Devereil sketches many new spots in Canadian culture. Working on a film proposal about Riel as Shasta (Mark Wilson), the actor who will portray Riel, Burns (James Timmins), a scrappy Prairie producer hoping to sell the project to "these guys in Toronto," and Matthew (David McClelland), a successful but failed writer who discovers that resurrecting Riel involves much more than prying open the history books. From the start, Shasta and Matthew are at loggerheads. Shasta wants to cast John A. Macdonald as the villain and Riel as the martyred

revolutionary, while Matthew wrestles with the apparent contradictions between Riel's mysticism and his willingness to fight for his beliefs. Burns just wants something on paper that he can sell.

Meanwhile, Matthew's wife, Kelly (Anna Weis), a vague blond research assistant, meets Yvonne (Taraia Martin), a Métis teacher, at the *Batoche* historical site. The arduous speeches of a Purist Canada tour guide spoil the continuing tension in Canada's east-west and international relations. The *Batoche* marked one of the first field sites of the new Gullfing era, a U.S. invention—a sadistic flesh-and-blood of this year's cruise missile tests.

Prevented by his mobility to penetrate the Riel mystique, the producer Yvonne as a constant. She contrasts Matthew's motives and foibles with his bleeding-heart idealism in writing her new experience for white consumption. Burns first Matthew, who is jolted into realizing that his prophecies are in fact split between Riel and Macdonald. In a passionate moment of self-discovery, he grasps Macdonald's vision of a united nation—a vision similar to the Métis leader's, but paid for with Riel's hanging. "Through every dog in Quebec's back, his last hour," heaving found his voice, Matthew sits down and writes Yvonne's opening speeches in *Beyoncé*.

Devereil effectively nullifies ideas and humor to denigrate stereotypes.

When Shasta sings a song in French to Yvonne, he is stunned that she cannot understand it. mixed blood does not necessarily mean mixed tongues. In that respect, Shasta—a true child of bilingualism—is especially more "Canadian" than Yvonne.

Reinforcing the themes in the staging, by *Globe* artistic director Ken Kneass. The action takes place in the middle of the theatre with the audience seated around it. Matthew's desk reads notes, while the system of history and scenes from the film home around him, reflecting Devereil's shift of emphasis from historical fact to imaginative re-creation.

Although the play's incorporation of history is masterful, the intense focus on Macdonald's dilemma places Riel in constant danger of being merely a play about writer's block. And because Kelly never progresses far beyond a glamorous girl Friday, the treatment of their marriage remains superficial. Sometimes the cast does expose the script's nuances, but Mark Wilson makes Shasta's auto destruction with Riel both credible and compelling. Despite its flaws and restricted canvas, *Beyoncé* does achieve what Devereil set out to do—to view Riel with fresh, contemporary eyes and reaffirm his uniqueness and continuing role in Canadian history. —MARK CHAMBERS

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- 6 *The Secret Report*, *Isaacson* (1)
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The real threat to America

By Allan Fotheringham

The real threat to the United States, if you know how, is not mighty *Minutemen*—which is about the size of Massachusetts. The real threat is not creeping *Hittlerism* nor *Phrynosaurus* war. *Phrynosaurus* was just, Soviet missile superiority, Japan's *Boeing* *William* superiority and France's *cheese* superiority are not the real problems. George *Stanhope* is not even the worst peril. Americans have no idea of what is really in the air for them. As *Australians*, *Baron* *Murdoch*, has decided to take out U.S. citizenship.

Mr. Murdoch is one of the more objectionable *affluents* you are liable to encounter of God's green earth. Being *Australian* has only added to the damage. If *Ray* *Thomson* was our own *Ugly* *Canadian*, debating the courage of most every newspaper he could up, Murdoch is the *Ugly* *Australian*, greedily grabbing every media outlet he can find. Late that other *armistice* *celestial*, Thomson, who bought *The Times* of London in hopes of being considered respectable, Murdoch did the same but you really wouldn't want to go elephant shooting with him.

When he bought *The Chicago Sun-Times*, he was *Televangelist*, *Mike* *Bayne*, left as the spot, declaring that Murdoch put out newspapers "that no self-respecting fish would want to be wrapped in."

Murdoch's greed has now got him into a minor spot of bother. Already built on the *Twentieth* *Century* *Fox*, he is buying six television stations in the *key* *markets* *area* of New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Dallas, Houston and Washington. American *low* *forbidden* *foreigners* from controlling more than 30 per cent of such formidable propaganda weapons, disapproving *Lawrence* *at* *Bonnet* and *discontent* *commercial* so as to twist the minds of the natives. So Murdoch, who is as flexible as his checkbook, is about to take out American citizenship to accommodate his last far-casting a fourth U.S. TV network, one that presumably would be as sassy as his newspapers.

Americans are accustomed to many Allen Fotheringham is a columnist for *Southwest News*.

things and are innovative (Le. *Philadelphi*, which has just perfected a new form of *eviction* notice: the bomb). However, I rather doubt they are ready for a dose of the *Assam*. As an expert on the species I expect to make a lot of money as consultant on the threat. The average *Australian* male (there are no females in Australia) consumes six quarts of *Fourier's Lager* on a slow day, talks in a dialect that can be deciphered only by anthropologists and likes sports a lot. I once lived with five *Australians* in London in a basement flat in *Knightsbridge*. The highlight of the week was Sunday

frings, mainly in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and out in Perth on the Indian Ocean, where I once almost drowned, thank you very much, and where the *American's Cup* will be defended against the embarrased *Yanks*.

The *Australian* male, as mentioned, is a special animal. The Melbourne Cup is the classicst horse race of the year, a combination of the Kentucky Derby and the Epsom Derby. Ladies spend the year arranging their magnificent picture hats for the event. The men? There is a tent where you go to drink. When you belly up to the bar a full bottle of whisky is placed before you. When you leave, stagger or crawl away, the bartender takes a casual look at the level left and charges accordingly.

I was once driving to a party in Australia with a group of friends when they stopped, as is the custom, at a pub to pick up supplies for the affair—where all the men would immediately gather in the kitchen to drink and talk sports, and all the women would discuss babies and tennis. While the wives stayed in the cars, the menfolk went in for the liquid goods. A small round, of course, was required. Another and another. After much time had elapsed, we returned to the cars—and the concerted ladies, still chatting.

Australian men, shy *blokes*, to show their affection for their intended often beat their cigarettes on their sweetie's forearm. You will have noticed, of course, the *cheerful* *decades* *ladies* in the brand of *Australian* athletes. The band that produced *Low Road*, *Kim* *Rosewall*, *Ray* *Emerson*, *John* *Newcombe* and *John* *Lenny* hasn't got anything remarkable on the tennis court or track lately. This is because of the occurrence of *quidde*, *ten* *burn* and *flurrier*. They are as good unless they are *honey* *cheated* *and* on the beach. Once you introduce advertising agencies and underarm protection they go the way of all flesh. I await the news of the first *leak* *leak* *leak*.

Now that *Rupert* *Murdoch*, who has the face of a *longhorn*, is becoming an *elite* *Yankee*, the *fair* *division* *question* is greatly diffused. Another *hustler* *man* *man*.



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